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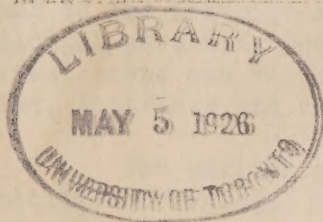
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Municipalities

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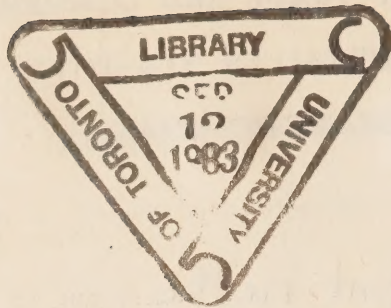
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In view of the public interest in government finance, the Bureau has prepared the present bulletin dealing with the bonded indebtedness of the municipalities of Canada.

The increase in public indebtedness during recent years has not been confined to the Dominion and provincial governments alone. There are over 4,000 municipal governing bodies, with borrowing powers, in Canada classified into, (A) cities, towns and villages representing the urban areas, and (B), rural municipalities, districts and counties, representing the rural areas.

For earlier years provincial reports do not in all instances record the municipal borrowings, but those provinces for which information is available show that a large increase in municipal bonded debt has taken place. Taking the year 1914 as a basis and comparing the figures with those for 1923, which are the latest available for all provinces, the bonded indebtedness of the municipalities of Quebec increased from \$121,174,868 to \$214,260,791; those of Ontario from \$195,357,291 to \$376,512,002; those of Saskatchewan from \$33,804,192 to \$51,709,772; those of Alberta from \$41,656,482 to \$70,999,611, and those of British Columbia from \$92,561,475 to \$96,273,987.

There are of course new municipalities created from time to time, and their activities and development account for a certain portion of the growth of bonded liability, while older municipalities also, especially urban municipalities, have largely increased their population in the last decade. Between 1911 and 1921 the urban municipalities of Canada increased their population from 3,280,964 to 4,352,402, or by nearly 33 per cent, while rural municipalities increased from 3,933,696 to 4,436,361 or by 12.8 per cent.

The present report consists of four tables, Table 1 shows the populations as estimated by the municipalities reporting to their respective provincial governments for each year from 1919 to 1923, also the total and per capita bonded indebtedness of all classes of municipalities. Table 2 shows the total bonded indebtedness of urban and rural municipalities by classes, together with totals for all classes for all provinces combined, for each year from 1919 to 1923. Table 3 shows in detail, the bonded debt of municipalities by classes, for each province, in the years 1919 to 1923. Table 4 shows the estimated populations of the provinces also the total and per capita bonded debt of urban as well as rural classes of municipalities.

In comparing the classes of municipalities as between provinces, it must be borne in mind that the municipal systems of the several provinces vary with regard to the erection and incorporation of different kinds of municipalities, as for example in British Columbia, where eight out of thirty-three cities have a population of 1,000 or less, while town municipalities do not exist. Again, in Prince Edward Island, there is no system of rural municipalities, the provincial government administering all public loans and borrowings other than those made by the incorporated urban municipalities which number one city and six towns. The statistics of population and total as well as per capita indebtedness apply only to the City of Charlottetown and the towns of Summerside and Montague. The towns of Alberton, Kensington and Georgetown had no bonded debt, while no information is available for Souris.

Finally, in New Brunswick the municipalities do not report very systematically to the provincial government and incomplete returns largely account for fluctuations and seeming decreases of debt in the years under review. In these circumstances no attempt is made to show per capita municipal indebtedness in New Brunswick.

Table 1.- Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of All Classes of Municipalities by Provinces, Years 1919-1922.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Prince Edward Island -					
Population 1/	15,934	15,934	15,934	15,934	15,934
Total Bonded Indebtedness 1/	970,400	1,086,500	1,202,200	1,254,900	1,290,800
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	60.88	68.19	75.45	78.76	81.01
Nov. Scotia -					
Population 2/	523,837	523,837	523,837	523,837	523,837
Total Bonded Indebtedness	17,863,881	19,192,462	22,451,743	23,541,759	24,248,782
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	34.10	36.64	42.86	44.94	46.29
New Brunswick -					
Population 3/	11,128,467	10,841,466	7,578,567	10,025,633	7,974,362
Total Bonded Indebtedness					
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness					
Quebec -					
Population	2,486,500	2,503,548	2,538,916	2,557,738	2,626,397
Total Bonded Indebtedness	171,168,650	190,204,326	194,877,251	207,883,993	214,260,791
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	68.84	75.97	76.76	81.28	81.58
Ontario -					
Population	2,621,785	2,649,936	2,738,407	2,792,482	2,817,850
Total Bonded Indebtedness	243,226,877	269,727,271	317,613,283	349,276,606	376,512,002
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	92.77	101.79	115.98	125.08	133.61

Note:- 1/ Census of 1921 populations for Charlottetown, Summerside and Montague.
 2/ Census of 1921 population.
 3/ Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

Table 1.- Populations and Total/Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities by Provinces, years 1919-1923.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Manitoba -					
Population	507,442	541,466	552,701	573,209	564,518
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 55,562,788	\$ 57,820,588	\$ 65,463,239	\$ 68,811,040	\$ 73,908,963
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 109.50	\$ 106.79	\$ 118.44	\$ 120.03	\$ 130.92
Saskatchewan -					
Population	794,328	814,236	726,899	729,118	793,241
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 39,585,388	\$ 34,989,751	\$ 35,040,336	\$ 52,787,655	\$ 51,719,648
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 49.84	\$ 42.97	\$ 48.21	\$ 72.40	\$ 65.20
Alberta -					
Population	2/ 590,000	2/ 620,000	1/ 588,454	1/ 588,454	505,403
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 66,870,464	\$ 57,205,275	\$ 53,429,558	\$ 60,832,650	\$ 70,999,611
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 113.34	\$ 92.27	\$ 90.80	\$ 103.38	\$ 140.48
British Columbia -					
Population	374,740	383,380	398,085	400,375	400,863
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 94,741,615	\$ 96,107,911	\$ 97,495,984	\$ 98,761,630	\$ 96,273,987
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 252.82	\$ 250.69	\$ 244.91	\$ 246.67	\$ 240.17

Note:- 1/ Census of 1921 population

2/ These figures are from the Alberta Vital Statistics Report.

Table 2.- Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipality for all Provinces combined, years 1919-1923

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
Cities					
Towns	570,235,145	596,400,624	639,595,803	687,764,730	723,071,201
Villages	78,676,136	81,388,735	88,013,212	97,348,076	101,948,018
	741,446	710,043	652,097	557,678	557,676
Total Urban Municipalities	649,652,727	678,499,402	728,261,112	785,670,484	825,576,895
Rural Municipalities					
Districts	17,266,141	21,279,364	26,544,281	43,799,329	46,214,402
Municipal Districts	22,160,489	22,857,901	23,842,662	24,175,080	24,794,937
County Councils	73,094	99,712	99,833	90,788	78,940
Counties	231,678	108,500	159,236	142,637	194,536
	11,734,101	14,330,671	16,245,037	19,297,548	20,329,236
Total Rural Municipalities	51,465,503	58,676,148	66,891,049	87,505,382	91,612,051
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	701,118,230	737,175,550	795,152,161	873,175,866	917,188,946

TABLE 3.- BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF MUNICIPALITIES BY CLASSES FOR EACH PROVINCE,
Years 1919-1923.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island 1/					
Cities	243,100	924,600	1,042,100	1,092,100	1,128,300
Towns	127,000	161,900	160,100	162,800	162,500
Total All Municipalities	970,100	1,086,500	1,202,200	1,254,900	1,290,800
Nova Scotia -					
Cities	8,542,106	9,222,016	11,515,916	12,189,516	12,613,866
Towns 2/	8,198,555	8,515,146	9,614,160	9,935,265	10,201,152
Counties	1,123,220	1,455,300	1,321,667	1,416,978	1,433,764
Total All Municipalities	17,863,881	19,192,462	22,451,743	23,541,759	24,248,782
New Brunswick 4/ -					
Cities	7,602,407	8,256,620	5,595,821	7,306,470	6,620,210
Towns	2,893,400	2,066,100	1,464,000	1,849,100	1,306,900
Counties	632,660	518,746	518,746	870,063	47,252
Total All Municipalities	11,128,467	10,841,466	7,578,567	10,025,633	7,974,362
Quebec -					
Cities	146,706,369	164,600,766	169,690,341	179,331,391	185,881,650
Towns	20,985,250	21,980,692	21,129,018	23,451,119	23,087,239
County Councils	231,678	108,500	159,236	142,637	194,536
Counties 3/	3,245,353	3,514,368	3,898,656	4,958,846	5,097,366
Total All Municipalities	171,168,650	190,204,326	194,877,251	207,883,993	214,260,791
Ontario -					
Cities	190,848,817	210,469,958	246,627,178	266,304,269	287,048,092
Towns 3/	34,423,817	37,328,734	43,481,113	49,135,776	53,020,070
Rural Municipalities	11,221,375	13,086,312	16,999,024	21,784,900	22,692,986
Counties	6,732,868	8,842,257	10,505,968	12,051,661	13,750,854
Total All Municipalities	243,226,877	269,727,271	317,613,283	349,276,606	376,512,002

Note:- 1/ The statistics shown represent the City of Charlottetown and the towns of Summerside and Montague only.

2/ Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.

3/ Including villages.

4/ Yearly returns are incomplete.

TABLE 3.- BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF MUNICIPALITIES BY CLASSES FOR EACH PROVINCE,
Years 1919-1923.

	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Manitoba -					
Cities	47,900,713	48,305,654	53,875,874	57,619,139	59,571,998
Towns	2,679,597	2,300,628	3,035,073	2,262,255	3,438,899
Villages	86,893	96,416	101,074	29,816	90,957
Rural Municipalities	4,895,585	7,108,890	8,451,218	8,899,830	10,807,109
Total All Municipalities	55,562,788	57,820,588	65,463,239	68,811,040	73,908,963
Saskatchewan -					
Cities	32,512,569 1/2	27,615,010 1/2	27,452,960 1/2	31,977,457 1/2	31,275,998 1/2
Towns	5,387,708	5,784,151	6,031,758	7,265,003	7,356,231
Villages	535,930	506,428	461,579 1/2	430,596 1/2	373,112
Rural Municipalities	1,149,181	1,084,162	1,094,039 2/3	1,114,599 2/3	1,271,430 7/12
Total All Municipalities	39,585,388	34,989,751	35,040,336	52,787,655	51,719,648
Alberta -					
Cities	62,697,938	53,855,980	50,142,291	57,357,838	67,452,037
Towns	3,980,809	3,242,384	3,097,990	3,286,758	3,375,027
Villages	118,623	107,199	89,444	97,266	93,607
Municipal Districts	73,094	99,712	99,833	90,788	78,940
Total All Municipalities	66,870,464	57,205,275	53,429,558	60,832,650	70,999,611
British Columbia -					
Cities	72,581,126	73,250,010	73,653,322	74,586,550	71,479,050
Districts	22,160,489	22,857,901	23,842,662	24,175,080	24,794,937
Total All Municipalities	94,741,615	96,107,911	97,495,984	98,761,630	96,273,987

Note:- 1/ Net debenture debt.

2/ Including rural telephone debt.

Table 4.- Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness, of Urban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the year 1923.

Province	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
Prince Edward Island	1/ 15,934	-	1,290,800	-	81.01	-
Nova Scotia	2/ 227,038	2/296,799	22,815,018	1,433,764	100.49	4.83
New Brunswick	3/ -	3/ -	7,927,110	47,252	3/ -	3/-
Quebec	1,428,372	1,198,025	208,968,889	5,291,902	146.30	4.42
Ontario	1,761,865	1,056,025	340,068,162	36,443,840	193.02	34.51
Manitoba	284,678	279,840	63,101,854	10,807,109	221.66	38.62
Saskatchewan	234,950	558,291	39,005,341	12,714,307	166.02	22.77
Alberta	239,433	265,970	70,920,671	78,940	296.20	.30
British Columbia	247,183	153,680	71,479,050	24,794,937	289.17	161.34

Note:- 1/ Census of 1921 populations for Charlottetown, Summerside and Montague.

2/ Census of 1921 population.

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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

1924 and 1925.

A bulletin dealing with bonded indebtedness of municipalities in Canada was issued by the Bureau in 1926. It covered the five year period 1919 - 1923. In view of the continued public interest in matters pertaining to government finance similar statistics for 1924 and 1925, which are the latest available, are presented in this bulletin.

There are over 4,000 municipalities in Canada divided into urban and rural classes, the first represented by cities, towns and villages and the second by rural municipalities, districts and counties. Under the control of the municipal departments of provinces wherein they are situated each of these municipalities has borrowing powers of a greater or less degree. Just as the Dominion and provincial governments have increased their indebtedness, so have the municipal government institutions during recent years.

The statement by provinces shows that the total bonded debt increased in 1924 over 1923 by \$72,002,386 but showed a decrease of \$32,199,451 for 1925 as compared with 1924. The municipalities in the provinces of Ontario, Saskatchewan and Alberta showed a slight decrease for bonded debt in 1925 as compared with 1924, while the municipalities of Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba and British Columbia have steadily added to their indebtedness from 1919 to 1925. With regard to New Brunswick, the returns made to the provincial government from year to year are so incomplete that accurate comparability is impossible and no attempt has been made to show per capita bonded indebtedness.

The bulletin is made up of four tables, the first dealing with the debt of all municipalities reported in each province, the second showing the debt of all urban and all rural municipalities in Canada, the third showing the debt of the various classes of municipalities by provinces, and the fourth a summary of the total and per capita urban as well as rural municipal debt for each province.

In comparing the classes of municipalities as between provinces, it must be borne in mind that the municipal systems of the several provinces vary with regard to the erection and incorporation of different kinds of municipalities, as in British Columbia where nine out of thirty-three cities have a population of 1,000 or less while town municipalities do not exist. Again in Prince Edward Island, there is no system of rural municipalities the provincial government administering all public loans and borrowings other than those made by the incorporated urban municipalities which number one city and six towns.

Table 11-

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of All Classes of Municipalities by Provinces, years 1924 - 1925.

	1924	1925
Prince Edward Island -		
Population 1/	12,903	13,262
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	1,143,550	\$ 1,163,050
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	88.63	\$ 87.70
Nova Scotia -		
Population 2/	523,837	523,837
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	25,348,664	\$ 25,722,635
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	48.39	\$ 49.10
New Brunswick -		
Population 3/	-	-
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	17,350,225	\$ 10,660,863
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	-	-
Quebec -		
Population	2,673,993	2,788,190
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	230,424,908	\$ 231,358,779
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	86.17	\$ 82.98
Ontario -		
Population	2,857,620	2,905,650
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	430,010,501	\$ 405,178,853
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	150.48	139.44
Manitoba -		
Population	557,625	557,892
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	73,944,105	\$ 79,211,867
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	132.61	\$ 141.98
Saskatchewan -		
Population	782,042	796,390
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	49,448,911	\$ 46,732,040
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	63.23	\$ 58.68
Alberta -		
Population	557,608	573,389
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	65,414,317	\$ 57,908,593
Per Capital Bonded Indebtedness \$	117.31	\$ 100.99
British Columbia -		
Population	401,292	448,260
Total Bonded Indebtedness \$	96,106,151	\$ 99,055,201
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness \$	239.49	\$ 220.98

1/ Census of 1921 populations for Charlottetown and Kensington in 1924 and Charlottetown, Kensington and Montague in 1925.

2/ Census of 1921 population.

3/ Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

Table 2.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, years 1924 - 1925.

	1924	1925
	\$	\$
Cities	776,003,559	739,513,173
Towns	112,389,979	112,275,429
Villages	583,469	499,829
Total Urban Municipalities	888,977,007	852,288,431
Rural Municipalities	49,994,400	54,840,306 1/
Districts	24,995,317	25,294,167
Municipal Districts	51,391	55,317
County Councils	186,681	206,537
Counties	24,986,536	24,307,123
Total Rural Municipalities	100,214,325	104,703,450
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	989,191,332	956,991,881

1/ Including \$25,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities
of Quebec.

Table 3.

Bonded Debt by Provincial Municipalities, for the fiscal
years, 1924 - 1925.

Provinces	Classes of Municipalities	1924	1925
		\$ ¢	\$ ¢
Prince Ed. Island -			
	Cities	1,139,800.00	1,148,300.00
	Towns 1/	3,750.00	14,750.00
	Rural		
	Total	1,143,550.00	1,163,050.00
Nova Scotia -			
	Cities	13,197,495.24	13,388,794.21
	Towns 2/	10,806,381.16	10,702,973.53
	Counties	1,041,767.21	1,630,362.08
	Total	25,045,643.61	25,722,129.82
New Brunswick - 3/			
	Cities	11,773,768.27	8,465,862.59
	Towns	4,214,900.00	2,021,900.00
	Villages	75,500.00	42,000.00
	Counties	1,285,055.30	125,100.00
	Total	17,350,224.57	10,660,862.59
Quebec -			
	Cities	198,249,582.00	199,442,143.00
	Towns	26,150,610.00	25,628,357.00
	County Councils	136,681.00	206,537.00
	Counties 4/	5,838,635.00	6,056,742.00
	Ind. Rural Mun.		25,000.00
	Total	230,424,908.00	231,358,779.00
Ontario -			
	Cities	328,604,372.00	295,678,548.00
	Towns 4/	57,755,898.00	61,186,435.00
	Rural	27,428,173.00	31,819,451.00
	Counties	16,221,058.00	16,404,419.00
	Total	430,010,501.00	405,178,853.00
Manitoba -			
	Cities	59,882,824.62	63,729,937.28
	Towns	3,273,026.42	3,291,007.07
	Villages	94,395.74	85,638.73
	Rural	10,603,856.15	12,105,284.00
	Total	73,944,104.93	79,211,867.08
Saskatchewan -			
	Cities	6/ 30,119,170.16	6/ 29,191,770.50
	Towns	6/ 7,132,466.18	6/ 6,363,304.44
	Villages	6/ 325,904.15	6/ 286,393.56
	Rural	3/ 11,871,570.63	3/ 10,890,571.31
	Total	49,448,911.12	46,732,039.81
Alberta -			
	Cities	6/ 61,925,711.68	6/ 54,706,783.42
	Towns	3,350,545.36	3,066,696.55
	Villages	6/ 26,668.65	6/ 79,795.90
	Munic. Districts	51,391.12	55,317.35
	Total	65,414,316.81	57,908,593.22
British Columbia -			
	Cities	71,110,834.56	73,761,033.81
	Districts	24,995,316.64	25,294,166.79
	Total	96,106,151.20	99,055,200.60

1/ Figures are for Kensington in 1924 and Kensington and Montague in 1925.

2/ Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.

3/ There were 3 cities, 18 towns, 2 villages and 15 municipalities reported in 1924, and 2 cities, 13 towns, 2 villages and 15 municipalities reported in 1925.

4/ Including villages.

5/ Including telephone debt.

6/ Net debenture debt.

7/ Including 1924 telephone debt.

Table 4.

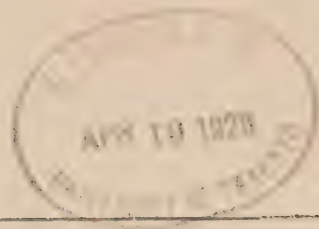
Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness, of Urban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the year 1925.

Province	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1/ 13,262	-	1,163,050	-	87.70	-
Nova Scotia	2/ 227,038	2/ 296,799	24,091,773	1,630,862	106.11	5.49
New Brunswick	3/ -	3/ -	10,535,763	125,100	3/ -	3/ -
Quebec	1,552,770	1,235,420	225,070,500	6,288,279	144.94	5.09
Ontario	1,832,847	1,072,803	356,864,983	48,313,870	194.70	45.03
Manitoba	277,916	279,976	67,106,583	12,105,284	241.46	43.24
Saskatchewan	238,707	557,683	35,841,469	10,890,571	150.14	19.52
Alberta	249,651	323,738	57,853,276	55,317	231.73	.17
British Columbia	271,532	176,728	73,761,034	25,294,167	271.65	143.12

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Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province, by Classes,
1926.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improve- ment districts	Total Number of Municipal- ities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	69
New Brunswick 1/	3	23	4	15	-	-	45
Quebec	24	93	286	74	2/ 989	-	1,466
Ontario	26	146	156	37	3/ 563	-	928
Manitoba	4	30	21	-	121	-	176
Saskatchewan	7	80	4/367	-	301	18	773
Alberta	6	54	125	-	169	229	583
British Columbia	33	-	6	-	30.	-	69
CANADA	106	475	965	126	2,197	247	4,116

1/ From Census returns.

2/ Including 9 independent rural municipalities.

3/ Officially known as townships.

4/ Including 6 summer resort villages.

Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities by Provinces, years 1924 - 1925 - 1926.

Provinces	1924	1925	1926
Prince Edward Island -			
Population	-	-	-
Total Bonded Indebtedness ^{2/}	\$ 1,143,550	\$ 1,163,050	\$ 1,247,545
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Nova Scotia -			
Population 1/	523,837	523,837	523,837
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 25,348,664	\$ 25,722,635	\$ 26,281,150
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 48.39	\$ 49.10	\$ 50.17
New Brunswick -			
Population 3/	-	-	-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 17,350,225	\$ 10,660,863	\$ 17,091,550
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	-	-	-
Quebec -			
Population	2,673,993	2,788,190	2,823,824
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 230,424,908	\$ 231,358,779	\$ 246,541,730
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 86.17	\$ 82.98	\$ 87.31
Ontario -			
Population	2,857,620	2,905,650	2,941,437
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 430,010,501	\$ 405,178,853	\$ 413,474,813
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 150.48	\$ 139.44	\$ 140.57
Manitoba -			
Population	557,625	557,892	565,480
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 73,944,105	\$ 79,211,867	\$ 80,716,272
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 132.61	\$ 141.98	\$ 142.74
Saskatchewan -			
Population	782,042	796,390	795,306
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 49,448,911	\$ 46,732,040	\$ 44,769,529
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 63.23	\$ 58.68	\$ 56.30
Alberta -			
Population	557,608	573,389	573,557
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 65,414,317	\$ 57,908,593	\$ 56,950,712
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 117.31	\$ 100.99	\$ 99.29
British Columbia -			
Population	401,292	448,260	448,445
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 96,106,151	\$ 99,055,201	\$ 102,853,223
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$ 239.49	\$ 220.98	\$ 229.36

- / Census of 1921.
- / Urban bonded indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.
- / Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, years 1924 - 1925 - 1926.

	1924	1925	1926
	\$	\$	\$
Cities	776,003,559	739,513,173	761,306,739
Towns	112,389,979	112,275,429	120,019,760
Villages 1/	583,469	499,829	482,690
Total Urban Municipalities	888,977,007	852,288,431	881,809,189
Rural Municipalities	49,994,400	2/ 54,840,306	2/ 55,044,264
Districts	24,995,317	25,294,167	27,579,060
Municipal Districts	51,391	55,317	45,434
County Councils	186,681	206,537	209,590
Counties	24,986,536	24,307,123	25,238,994
Total Rural Municipalities	100,214,325	104,703,450	108,117,342
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	989,191,332	956,991,881	989,926,531

1/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

2/ Including \$25,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Table 4.

Bonded Debt by Provincial Municipalities, for the years, 1924 - 1925 - 1926.

Provinces	Classes of Municipalities	1924	1925	1926
		\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,139,800	1,148,300	1,006,948
	Towns 1/	3,750	14,750	240,597
	Rural	-	-	-
	Total	1,143,550	1,163,050	1,247,545
Nova Scotia -	Cities	13,197,496	13,388,794	14,017,200
	Towns 2/	10,509,381	10,702,979	10,725,835
	Counties	1,641,787	1,630,862	1,538,117
	Total	25,348,664	25,722,635	26,281,152
New Brunswick -3/	Cities	11,773,768	8,465,863	11,206,614
	Towns	4,214,900	2,021,900	4,286,288
	Villages	76,500	48,000	16,000
	Counties	1,285,057	125,100	1,582,648
	Total	17,350,225	10,660,863	17,091,550
Quebec -	Cities	198,249,582	199,442,143	211,595,305
	Towns	26,150,010	25,628,357	28,468,359
	County Councils	186,681	206,537	209,590
	Counties 4/	5,838,635	6,056,742	6,243,476
	Ind. Rural Mun.	-	25,000	25,000
	Total	230,424,908	231,358,779	246,541,730
Manitoba -	Cities	328,604,372	295,678,548	300,694,404
	Towns 4/	57,755,898	61,186,435	64,142,582
	Rural	27,429,173	31,819,451	32,763,074
	Counties	16,221,058	16,494,419	15,874,753
	Total	430,010,501	405,178,853	413,474,813
Saskatchewan -5/	Cities	59,882,825	63,729,937	65,157,525
	Towns	3,273,028	3,291,007	3,227,843
	Villages	94,396	85,639	98,538
	Rural	10,693,856	12,105,284	12,232,366
	Total	73,944,105	79,211,867	80,716,272
Alberta -	Cities	30,119,170	29,191,771	28,486,648
	Towns	7,132,466	6,363,304	5,967,586
	Villages	325,904	286,394	291,471
	Rural	6/ 11,871,371	6/ 10,890,571	6/ 10,023,824
	Total	49,448,911	46,732,040	44,769,529
British Columbia -	Cities	5/ 61,925,712	5/ 54,706,783	5/ 53,867,926
	Towns	3,350,545	5/ 3,066,697	5/ 2,960,670
	Villages	5/ 86,669	5/ 79,796	5/ 76,682
	Munic. Districts	51,391	55,317	45,434
	Total	65,414,317	57,908,593	56,950,712
	Cities	71,110,834	73,761,034	75,274,168
	Districts	24,995,317	25,294,167	27,579,060
	Total	96,106,151	99,055,201	102,853,228

All six towns reported for 1926, only two in 1925 and one in 1924.

Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.

There were 3 cities, 18 towns, 2 villages and 15 counties reported in 1924; 2 cities, 13 towns, 2 villages and 15 counties reported in 1925 and 3 cities, 18 towns, 1 village and 15 counties reported in 1926.

Including villages.

Net debenture debt.

Including rural telephone debt.

Table 5.

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the years 1924, 1925 and 1926.

Provinces	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island						
1924	1/ 12,903	-	1,143,550	-	88.63	-
1925	1/ 13,262	-	1,163,050	-	87.70	-
1926	1/ 19,093	-	1,247,545	-	65.34	-
Nova Scotia						
1924	1/227,038	1/296,799	23,706,877	1,641,787	104.41	5.53
1925	1/227,038	1/296,799	24,091,773	1,630,862	106.11	5.49
1926	1/227,038	1/296,799	24,743,035	1,538,117	108.98	5.18
New Brunswick 2/						
1924	-	-	16,065,168	1,285,057	-	-
1925	-	-	10,535,763	125,100	-	-
1926	-	-	15,508,902	1,582,648	-	-
Quebec						
1924	1,475,634	1,198,359	224,399,592	6,025,316	152.07	5.03
1925	1,552,770	1,235,420	225,070,500	6,288,279	144.94	5.09
1926	1,620,960	1,202,864	240,063,664	6,478,066	148.09	5.39
Ontario						
1924	1,797,188	1,060,432	386,360,370	43,650,231	214.98	41.16
1925	1,832,847	1,072,803	356,864,983	48,313,870	194.70	45.03
1926	1,862,481	1,078,956	364,836,986	48,637,827	195.89	45.08
Manitoba						
1924	281,743	275,882	63,250,249	10,693,856	224.50	38.76
1925	277,916	279,976	67,106,583	12,105,284	241.46	43.24
1926	285,327	280,153	68,483,906	12,232,366	240.02	43.66
Saskatchewan						
1924	232,371	549,671	37,577,540	11,871,371	161.71	21.60
1925	238,707	557,683	35,841,469	10,890,571	150.14	19.52
1926	242,049	553,257	34,745,705	10,023,824	143.55	18.12
Alberta						
1924	247,942	309,666	65,362,926	51,391	263.62	.17
1925	249,651	323,738	57,853,276	55,317	231.73	.17
1926	247,908	325,649	56,905,278	45,434	229.54	.14
British Columbia						
1924	247,612	153,680	71,110,834	24,995,317	287.19	162.65
1925	271,532	176,728	73,761,034	25,294,167	271.65	143.12
1926	271,671	176,774	75,274,168	27,579,060	277.08	156.01

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In previous reports net debenture debt was shown for the municipalities of Saskatchewan, but in order to bring the statistics into a more comparable state with other provinces gross debenture statistics are shown in 1927.

A brief analysis of the total bonded debt for all classes of municipalities reporting throughout Canada showed that there was an increase of \$57,683,923 for 1927 over 1926. Of this total increase urban municipalities comprising cities, towns and villages showed an increase for 1927 over 1926 of \$48,154,986, while rural municipalities which comprised counties, townships and municipal districts showed an increase of \$9,528,937 for 1927 over 1926.

Table 1.
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Classes, 1927.

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New Brunswick 1/	3	23	4	15	-	-	45
Quebec	24	96	288	74	2/ 992	-	1,474
Ontario	26	146	156	3/ 37	4/ 563	-	928
Manitoba	4	30	21	-	120	-	175
Saskatchewan	8	79	5/ 372	-	301	18	778
Alberta	6	54	5/ 128	-	169	6/ 229	586
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CANADA	107	477	975	126	2,199	247	4,131

From Census returns of 1921.

Including 9 independent rural municipalities.

There are 43 counties in all geographically, but a number of them are
united for municipal purposes.

Officially known as townships.

Including six summer resort villages.

In the year 1926.

Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities by provinces, year 1927.

Province		1927
Prince Edward Island -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness 1/		-
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,452,425
Nova Scotia -		
Population 2/		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		523,837
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	28,381,616
	\$	54.18
New Brunswick -		
Population 3/		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		-
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	\$	15,707,699
Quebec -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		2,888,677
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	260,435,420
	\$	90.16
Ontario -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		2,966,465
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	434,464,056
	\$	146.46
Manitoba -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		561,386
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	83,017,302
	\$	147.88
Saskatchewan -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		801,829
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	54,361,158
	\$	67.80
Alberta -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness 4/		592,131
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	62,414,660
	\$	105.41
British Columbia -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness		449,209
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	107,376,118
	\$	239.03

- 1/ Urban bonded indebtedness only there being no rural municipal system.
- 2/ Census of 1921
- 3/ Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.
- 4/ Net debenture debt except for municipal districts.

Table 3.
Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1927.

	1927
	\$
Cities	810,441,021
Towns	118,953,393
Villages 1/	569,761
Total Urban Municipalities	929,964,175
Rural Municipalities	2/ 63,673,492
Districts	29,650,484
Municipal Districts	39,210
County Councils	221,621
Counties	24,061,472
Total Rural Municipalities	117,646,279
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,047,610,454

1/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

2/ Including \$24,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Table 4.

Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and classes, 1927.

Provinces	Classes of Municipalities	1927
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,191,300
	Towns	261,125
	Rural	-
	Total	1,452,425
Nova Scotia -	Cities	16,030,739
	Towns 1/	10,837,910
	Counties	1,512,967
	Total	28,381,616
New Brunswick -	Cities	11,985,217
	Towns	3,359,882
	Villages	80,000
	Counties	282,600
	Total	15,707,699
Quebec -	Cities	226,446,608
	Towns	26,906,106
	County Councils	221,621
	Counties	6,837,085
	Ind. Rural Mun.	24,000
	Total	260,435,420
Ontario -	Cities	310,952,920
	Towns 2/	65,709,577
	Rural	42,372,739
	Counties	15,428,820
	Total	434,464,056
Manitoba -	Cities	67,567,935
	Towns	3,201,721
	Villages	90,150
	Rural	12,157,496
	Total	83,017,302
Saskatchewan -	Cities	38,973,268
	Towns	5,938,994
	Villages	329,639
	Rural 3/	9,119,257
	Total	54,361,158
Alberta -	Cities 4/	59,567,400
	Towns 4/	2,738,078
	Villages 4/	69,972
	Munic. Districts	39,210
	Total	62,414,660
British Columbia -	Cities	77,725,634
	Districts	29,650,484
	Total	107,376,118

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	Urban	Rural	Urban \$	Rural \$	Urban \$	Rural \$
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Nova Scotia 1/	227,038	296,799	26,868,649	1,512,967	118.34	5.10
New Brunswick 2/	-	-	15,425,099	282,600	-	-
Quebec	1,674,166	1,214,511	253,352,714	7,082,706	151.33	5.83
Saskatchewan	1,883,594	1,082,871	376,662,497	57,801,559	199.97	53.38
Manitoba	288,974	272,412	70,859,806	12,157,496	245.21	44.63
Alberta	248,319	553,510	45,241,901	9,119,257	182.19	16.48
British Columbia	253,617	338,514	3/62,375,450	39,210	245.94	.12
	272,435	176,774	77,725,634	29,650,484	285.30	167.73

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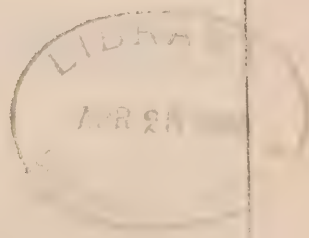
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Table 1.
Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by Classes, 1928.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Districts	Total Number of Munici- palities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	69
New Brunswick 1/	3	23	4	15	-	-	45
Quebec	24	97	290	74	996	-	1,481
Ontario	26	146	156 2/	37	3/ 563	-	928
Manitoba	4	30	21	-	120	-	175
Saskatchewan	8	80	4/ 377	-	301	18	784
Alberta	6	54	5/ 130	-	167	6/ 229	586
British Columbia	33	-	12	-	28	-	73
CANADA	107	479	990	126	2,199	247	4,148

From Census returns of 1921.

There are 44 counties in all geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.

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In the year 1926.

Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all
Classes of Municipalities by provinces, year 1928.

Province		1928
Prince Edward Island -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness 1/	\$	1,515,125
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia -		
Population 2/		523,837
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	29,049,412
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	55.46
New Brunswick -		
Population 3/		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	19,365,535
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	\$	-
Quebec -		
Population		2,988,329
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	278,864,744
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	93.32
Ontario -		
Population		3,021,618
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	435,912,807
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	144.26
Manitoba -		
Population		564,716
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	85,651,906
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	151.67
Saskatchewan -		
Population		831,527
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	53,092,330
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	63.85
Alberta -		
Population		633,038
Total Bonded Indebtedness 4/	\$	63,428,853
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	100.20
British Columbia -		
Population		498,525
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	110,124,819
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	220.90

- 1/ Urban bonded indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.
- 2/ Census of 1921.
- 3/ Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.
- 4/ Net debenture debt except for municipal districts.

Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1928.

	1928
	\$
Cities	822,924,132
Towns	129,622,726
Villages 1/	542,275
Total Urban Municipalities	953,089,133
Rural Municipalities	2/ 65,056,620
Districts	32,093,357
Municipal Districts	33,163
County Councils	201,950
Counties	26,531,308
Total Rural Municipalities	123,916,398
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,077,005,531

/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

/ Including \$23,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1928

Provinces	Classes of Municipalities	1928
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,253,000
	Towns	262,125
	Rural	-
	Total	1,515,125
Nova Scotia -	Cities	16,446,063
	Towns 1/ Counties	10,981,785
		1,621,564
	Total	29,049,412
New Brunswick -	Cities	12,315,914
	Towns	5,382,800
	Villages	78,000
	Counties	1,588,821
	Total	19,365,535
Quebec -	Cities	238,083,383
	Towns	32,985,196
	County Councils	201,950
	Counties	7,570,215
	Ind. Rural Muh.	23,000
	Total	278,864,744
Ontario -	Cities	307,960,334
	Towns 2/ Rural	68,946,518
		43,255,247
	Counties	15,750,708
	Total	435,912,807
Manitoba -	Cities	68,641,019
	Towns	3,413,813
	Villages	81,605
	Rural	13,515,469
	Total	85,651,906
Saskatchewan -	Cities	39,477,550
	Towns	5,033,484
	Villages	318,392
	Rural 3/ Total	8,262,904
		53,092,330
Alberta -	Cities 4/ Towns 4/ Villages 4/ Munic. Districts	60,715,407
		2,610,005
		64,278
		33,163
	Total	63,428,853
British Columbia -	Cities	78,031,462
	Districts	32,093,357
	Total	110,124,819

- 1/ Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.
 2/ Including villages.
 3/ Including rural telephone debt.
 4/ Net debenture debt.

Table 5.

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the year 1928.

Province	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	1/ 19,093	-	1,515,125	-	79.35	-
Nova Scotia 1/	227,038	296,799	27,427,848	1,621,564	120.81	5.46
New Brunswick 2/	-	-	17,776,714	1,588,821	-	-
Quebec	1,756,365	1,231,964	271,069,579	7,795,165	154.34	6.33
Ontario	1,930,354	1,091,264	376,906,852	59,005,955	195.25	54.07
Manitoba	293,243	271,473	72,136,437	13,515,469	245.99	49.79
Saskatchewan	263,644	567,883	44,829,426	8,262,904	170.04	14.55
Alberta	276,709	356,329	3/63,395,690	33,163	229.11	.09
British Columbia	377,345	121,180	78,031,462	32,093,357	206.79	264.84

1/ Census of 1921.

2/ Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

3/ Net debenture debt.

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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES.

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The Annual Bulletin on bonded indebtedness for the municipalities in Canada is herewith presented. The statistics are compiled from returns made to the various provincial governments and the data contained herein is the latest for which information is available.

There were 4,181 municipalities in Canada in 1929, divided into urban and rural classes. Cities, towns and villages represented the urban class, while rural municipalities, districts and counties comprised the rural class. While the provincial governments have a supervising or directing control of municipal affairs, each of the organized municipalities throughout the country has the power in a greater or less degree to borrow money in connection with their municipal debt or public undertakings.

There are five tables in the bulletin, the first giving the number by classes of municipalities in each province; the second dealing with the debt of all municipalities reported in each province; the third showing the debt of all urban and rural municipalities in Canada; the fourth showing the debt of the various classes of municipalities by provinces, and the fifth, a summary of the total and per capita urban as well as rural municipal debt for each province.

The municipal systems of the several provinces vary considerably with regard to the erection and incorporation of the different classes of municipalities, as for instance, in British Columbia where eight out of the thirty-three cities have a population of 1,000 or less while town municipalities do not exist. The province of Prince Edward Island has no rural municipal system and the provincial government administers all public loans and borrowings apart from those contracted by the seven incorporated urban municipalities. The returns made to the provincial government of New Brunswick are incomplete from year to year, consequently no attempt has been made to show the per capita bonded indebtedness of that province. The latest returns available for Deloraine, Manitoba, and Alberton, Prince Edward Island, are for 1928.

In comparison with the previous year a brief analysis of the statements shows that there was an increase in the total bonded debt of all municipalities reporting throughout Canada of \$58,017,358 for 1929 over 1928. Of this total increase the urban municipalities consisting of cities, towns and villages showed an increase of bonded debt for 1929 over 1928 of \$76,451,166, while the rural municipalities decreased their bonded debt by \$18,433,808 in 1929 as compared with 1928.

Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by Classes, 1929.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Total Number of Municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	69
Brunswick 1/	3	23	4	15	-	-	45
Quebec	24	98	293	74	1,003	-	1,492
Ontario	27	145	154	2/ 38	3/ 573	-	937
Manitoba	4	30	21	-	120	-	175
Saskatchewan	8	80	4/ 382	-	302	18	790
Alberta	6	54	5/ 137	-	167	6/ 229	598
British Columbia	33	-	12	-	28	-	73
CANADA	108	479	1,003	127	2,217	247	4,181

from Census returns of 1921.

There are 44 counties in all, geographically, but a number of them
are united for municipal purposes.

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includes six summer resort villages.

includes five summer resort villages.

Year 1926.

Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all
Classes of Municipalities by provinces, year 1929.

Province		1929
Prince Edward Island -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness 1/	\$	-
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,598,624
Nova Scotia -		
Population 2/		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	523,837
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	29,029,119
		55.42
New Brunswick -		
Population 3/		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness 3/	\$	21,129,540
Quebec -		
Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	3,028,618
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	293,557,500
		96.93
Ontario -		
Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	3,065,251
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	451,936,592
		147.44
Manitoba -		
Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	569,364
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	85,901,404
		150.87
Saskatchewan -		
Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	858,329
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	54,913,100
		63.98
Alberta -		
Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	643,960
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	78,473,392
		121.86
British Columbia -		
Population		
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	498,525
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	118,483,618
		237.67

Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.

Census of 1921.

Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

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Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1929.

	1929
	\$
ities	893,683,450
owns	135,344,984
villages 1/	511,865
Total Urban Municipalities	1,029,540,299
Rural Municipalities	2/ 65,769,032
Districts	12,481,921
Municipal Districts	29,038
County Councils	228,622
Counties	26,973,977
Total Rural Municipalities	105,482,590
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,135,022,889

In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

Including \$21,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

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Table 4.

Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1929.

Provinces		1929
Prince Edward Island -		\$
	Cities	1,341,100
	Towns	257,524
	Rural	-
	Total	1,598,624
Nova Scotia -		
	Cities	16,425,993
	Towns 1/	11,052,161
	Counties	1,550,965
	Total	29,029,119
New Brunswick -		
	Cities	14,055,286
	Towns 2/	5,527,500
	Counties	1,546,754
	Total	21,129,540
Quebec -		
	Cities	251,876,159
	Towns	33,703,967
	County Councils	228,622
	Counties	7,727,752
	Ind. Rural Mun.	21,000
	Total	293,557,500
Ontario -		
	Cities	316,939,899
	Towns 2/	73,819,012
	Rural	45,029,175
	Counties	16,148,506
	Total	451,936,592
Manitoba -		
	Cities	69,081,062
	Towns	3,441,346
	Villages	90,802
	Rural	13,288,194
	Total	85,901,404
Saskatchewan -		
	Cities	42,213,078
	Towns	4,919,706
	Villages 3/	349,653
	Rural 4/	7,430,663
	Total	54,913,100
Alberta -		
	Cities	75,749,176
	Towns	2,623,768
	Villages	71,410
	Munic. Districts	29,038
	Total	78,473,392
British Columbia -		
	Cities	106,001,697
	Districts	12,481,921
	Total	118,483,618

Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.

Including villages.

The purchasers of the Light and Power Plant have taken over \$458.34 of the

Debenture Debt of the village of Elfros.

Includes Rural Telephone Debt.

Table 5.

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities by Provinces for the year 1929.

Provinces	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
Prince Edward Island	1/ 19,093	-	1,598,624	-	83.73	-
Nova Scotia 1/	227,038	296,799	27,478,154	1,550,965	121.03	5.23
New Brunswick 2/	-	-	19,582,786	1,546,754	-	-
Quebec	1,810,173	1,218,445	285,580,126	7,977,374	157.76	6.55
Ontario	1,981,423	1,083,824	390,758,911	61,177,681	197.21	56.45
Manitoba	297,583	271,781	72,613,210	13,288,194	244.01	48.82
Saskatchewan	278,708	579,621	47,482,437	7,430,663	170.37	12.82
Alberta	280,590	363,370	78,444,354	29,038	279.57	.08
British Columbia	377,345	121,180	106,001,697	12,481,921	280.91	103.00

Census of 1921.

Returns for New Brunswick are so incomplete that it would be misleading to show per capita figures.

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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES.

1930

The Bureau presents its annual bulletin dealing with the Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities in Canada for the year 1930. These statistics are taken from returns made by the various municipal governments and represent the latest available information.

There were 4,207 municipalities in Canada in 1930, divided into urban and rural classes. Cities, towns and villages represented the urban class, while rural municipalities, districts and counties comprised the rural class.

Municipal governments possess borrowing powers which are more or less under the restriction of their respective provincial governments. Like other governing bodies they have used their powers in this connection somewhat freely and owing to the economic stress of the present day the statistics will be of interest in showing the financial indebtedness of municipal life.

The Bulletin is made up of six tables, the first giving the number by classes of municipalities in each province; the second dealing with the debt of all municipalities reported in each province; the third showing the debt of all urban and rural municipalities in Canada; the fourth showing the debt of the various classes of municipalities by provinces; the fifth, a summary of the total and per capita urban as well as rural municipal debt for each province and the sixth showing the total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities by provinces for the years 1919-1930 inclusive.

In Tables 2 and 5 the populations for Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are taken from the census returns for 1931. There being no municipal estimates of population for these provinces for 1930 the per capita figures are worked out on the basis of the census for 1931.

The municipal systems of the several provinces vary considerably with regard to the erection and incorporation of the different classes of municipalities, as for instance, in British Columbia where eight out of the thirty-three cities have a population of 1,000 or less while town municipalities do not exist. The province of Prince Edward Island has no rural municipal system and the provincial government administers all public loans and borrowings apart from those contracted by the seven incorporated urban municipalities.

The sixth summary table is of particular value as it shows comparatively the increase from 1919 to 1930. Similar to the case of the federal and provincial governments there has been a popular demand in the later years for improvements of public services, such as highways and other public works, educational, charitable and social institutions, all of which involved heavy expenditures. Wages and the cost of materials following the war period were greatly increased and as municipal revenue would not meet the charges of these new or improved services debenture issues were generously resorted to as evidenced by the statistics given in this table.

April 15, 1932.

Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by Classes, 1930.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Districts	Total Number of Munici- palities
Prince Edward Island	1	6	-	-	-	-	7
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	69
New Brunswick	3	19	2	15	-	-	39
Quebec	25	97	298	74	1,010	-	1,504
Ontario	28	145	154	1/ 38	2/ 573	-	938
Manitoba	4	30	22	-	120	-	176
Saskatchewan	8	80	3/ 384	-	302	18	792
Alberta	7	54	3/ 146	-	166	234	607
British Columbia	33	-	14	-	28	-	75
CANADA	111	474	1,020	127	2,223	252	4,207

1/ There are forty-four counties in all, geographically, but six of them are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships.

3/ Includes six summer resort villages.

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Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all
Classes of Municipalities, by provinces, year 1930.

Provinces		1930
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,863,211
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia - 2/		
Population		512,846
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	30,182,264
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	58.86
New Brunswick 2/ -		
Population		408,219
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	20,565,998
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	50.38
Quebec -		
Population		3,089,911
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	323,395,745
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	104.66
Ontario -		
Population		3,141,633
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	485,280,182
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	154.47
Manitoba -		
Population		574,432
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	84,879,707
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	147.76
Saskatchewan -		
Population		1,874,426
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	59,000,183
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67.52
Alberta -		
Population		30,663,872
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	78,645,803
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	118.47
British Columbia -		
Population		20,499,365
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	125,832,088
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	251.98

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.

2/ Population and per capita figures Census of 1931.

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Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1930.

	1930
	\$
Cities	954,284,067
Towns	135,161,045
Villages 1/	518,157
Total Urban Municipalities	1,089,963,269
Rural Municipalities	2/ 73,796,744
Districts	13,331,900
Municipal Districts	22,100
County Councils	236,754
Counties	32,294,414
Total Rural Municipalities	119,681,912
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,209,645,181

1/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

2/ Including \$20,875 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Received of the Secretary of the Board of Education, New York City, the sum of \$100.00.

For all previous years, 1950.

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Received of the Secretary of the Board of Education, New York City, the sum of \$100.00.

For all previous years, 1950.

Table 4.

Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1930.

Provinces		1930
		\$
Prince Edward Island -		
	Cities	1,583,100
	Towns	280,111
	Rural	-
	Total	1,863,211
Nova Scotia -		
	Cities	16,897,417
	Towns 1/	11,779,830
	Municipalities	1,505,017
	Total	30,182,264
New Brunswick -		
	Cities	13,113,811
	Towns 2/	5,851,400
	Counties	1,600,787
	Total	20,565,998
Quebec -		
	Cities	275,083,172
	Towns	35,227,562
	County Councils	236,754
	Counties 3/	12,827,382
	Ind. Rural Mun.	20,875
	Total	323,395,745
Ontario -		
	Cities	344,604,031
	Towns 4/	71,064,101
	Rural	51,745,805
	Counties	17,866,245
	Total	485,280,182
Manitoba -		
	Cities	68,268,034
	Towns	3,497,305
	Villages	83,453
	Rural	13,030,915
	Total	84,879,707
Saskatchewan -		
	Cities	46,130,049
	Towns	5,017,628
	Villages	358,374
	Rural 5/	7,494,132
	Total	59,000,183
Alberta -		
	Cities	76,104,265
	Towns	2,443,108
	Villages	76,330
	Municipal Districts	22,100
	Total	78,645,803
British Columbia -		
	Cities	112,500,188
	Districts	13,331,900
	Total	125,832,088

- 1/ Dartmouth Ferry bonds not included.
- 2/ Includes \$53,000 for two villages.
- 3/ Includes "Loans on obligations or notes."
- 4/ Includes villages.
- 5/ Includes Rural Telephone Debt.

Table 5.

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities, by Provinces for the year 1930.

Provinces	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island 1/	20,385	-	1,863,211	-	91.40	-
Nova Scotia 1/	231,654	281,192	28,677,247	1,505,017	123.79	5.35
New Brunswick 1/	128,940	279,279	18,965,211	1,600,787	147.09	5.73
Quebec	1,858,106	1,231,805	310,310,734	13,085,011	167.00	10.62
Ontario	2,046,096	1,095,537	415,668,132	69,612,050	203.15	63.54
Manitoba	302,802	271,630	71,848,792	13,030,915	237.28	47.97
Saskatchewan	285,153	589,273	51,506,051	7,494,132	180.63	12.72
Alberta	287,421	376,451	78,623,703	22,100	273.55	.06
British Columbia	378,185	121,180	112,500,188	13,331,900	297.47	110.02

Population and per capita figures Census of 1931.

Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities, by Provinces,
1919 - 1930.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario	Manitoba	Saskatche- wan	Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,128,467	171,168,650	243,226,877	55,562,788	39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	701,118,230
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	190,204,326	269,727,271	57,820,588	34,989,751	57,205,275	96,107,911	737,175,550
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	194,877,251	317,613,283	65,463,239	35,040,336	53,429,558	97,495,984	795,152,161
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	207,883,993	349,276,606	68,811,040	52,787,655	60,832,650	98,761,630	873,175,866
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	214,260,791	376,512,002	73,908,963	51,719,648	70,999,611	96,273,987	917,188,946
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	230,424,908	430,010,501	73,944,105	49,448,911	65,414,317	96,106,151	989,191,332
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	231,358,779	405,178,853	79,211,867	46,732,040	57,908,593	99,055,201	956,991,881
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	246,541,730	413,474,813	80,716,272	44,769,529	56,950,712	102,853,228	989,926,531
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	260,435,420	434,464,056	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,047,610,454
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,365,535	278,864,744	435,912,807	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,077,005,531
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,129,540	293,557,500	451,936,592	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,135,022,889
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,565,998	323,395,745	485,280,182	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,209,645,181

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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES

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The subject of governmental bonded debt is one of growing interest to parliamentarians, economists and students of public finance. The Bureau issues reports dealing with Dominion and Provincial Government Public Finance, and it now presents its annual bulletin dealing with Bonded Indebtedness of Municipal Governments throughout Canada for the year 1931. These statistics are compiled from the various reports by municipalities to provincial governments and represent the latest available information.

There were 4,280 municipalities in Canada in 1931 divided into urban and rural classes. The urban class consists of cities, towns and villages to which have been added some five suburban municipalities in the province of Manitoba while the rural classes consist of rural municipalities, districts and counties.

While the borrowing powers of municipal governments are more or less under restriction of their respective provincial governments, such powers have been somewhat freely used, with the result that there has been a steady annual increase in municipal debt since the Bureau first instituted this report in 1919. The demand for improvements of public services, such as, highways, educational, charitable, and social institutions, is largely responsible for the increase in debt. Ordinary revenues of municipalities, as is the case in other forms of government, have shown a distinct falling off and in order to meet the settlement of old obligations as well as provide funds to carry out improved services, debenture issues have been generally resorted to. Within the last year or two, an unusually heavy expenditure by municipal governments has taken place, due to the adoption of emergent measures to meet the cost of unemployment.

The Bulletin is made up of six tables, the first giving the number by classes of municipalities in each province; the second dealing with the debt of all municipalities reported in each province; the third showing the debt of all urban and rural municipalities in Canada; the fourth showing the debt of the various classes of municipalities by provinces; the fifth, a summary of the total and per capita urban as well as rural municipal debt for each province and the sixth showing the total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities by provinces for the years 1919-1931 inclusive.

There are no municipal estimates of population computed by the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba for the year 1931, consequently populations for these provinces as shown by the Dominion census returns for 1931 have been used in tables 2 and 5 of the report and the per capita debts are based on the census populations. In the case of the provinces of Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia the estimated municipal populations as given in the provincial reports for 1931 have been employed in working out the per capita debt as shown in tables 2 and 5.

The municipal system of erection and incorporation of the different classes of municipalities varies considerably as between provinces, as for instance seven of the thirty-three cities of British Columbia have a population of under 1,000 while town municipalities do not exist. There is no rural municipal system in Prince Edward Island and all public loans and borrowings other than those contracted by eight incorporated urban municipalities, are administered by the provincial government.

The sixth summary table is particularly interesting as it shows comparatively the total municipal bonded debt by provinces for the years 1919 to 1931. In the case of the province of Quebec revised figures have been compiled including school debts which were not shown in previous reports.

Table 1.
Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province
by Classes, 1931.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Districts	Subur- ban munici- palities	Total Numbe of munici- palit
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	6
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	4
Quebec	25	98	300	74	1,012	-	-	1,50
Ontario	28	146	156	1/ 38	2/ 571	-	-	93
Manitoba	4	30	22	-	113	-	5	17
Saskatchewan	8	80	3/ 385	-	302	83	-	85
Alberta	7	54	3/ 145	-	166	234	-	60
British Columbia	33	-	16	-	28	-	-	7
CANADA	111	478	1,026	127	2,216	317	5	4,28

- 1/ There are forty-four counties in all, geographically, but six of them are united for municipal purposes.
- 2/ Officially known as townships.
- 3/ Includes six summer villages.

Table 2.

Populations and Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities, by Provinces, year 1931.

Provinces		1 9 3 1
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	1,959,672
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia -		
Population		512,846
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	31,386,025
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	61.20
New Brunswick -		
Population		408,219
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	21,477,521
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	52.61
Quebec -		
Population		3,146,452
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	428,018,439
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	136.03
Ontario -		
Population		3,194,243
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	499,002,074
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	156.22
Manitoba -		
Population		700,139
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	91,615,195
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	130.85
Saskatchewan -		
Population		874,458
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	59,146,704
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67.64
Alberta -		
Population		648,542
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	78,679,571
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	121.32
British Columbia -		
Population		519,823
Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	129,913,890
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	249.92

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal system.

Table 3.

Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1931.

	1931
	\$
Cities	1,005,189,439
Towns	145,267,609
Villages 1/	502,971
Suburban Municipalities	8,166,726
Total Urban Municipalities	1,159,126,745
Rural Municipalities	2/ 68,167,492
Districts	13,742,590
Municipal Districts	17,974
County Councils	202,513
Counties	34,055,672
Total Rural Municipalities	116,186,241
Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	65,886,105
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,341,199,091

1/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.

2/ Includes \$22,409 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Table 4.

Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1931.

Provinces		1931
		\$
Prince Edward Island-	Cities	1,650,600
	Towns	309,072
	Rural	-
	Total	1,959,672
Nova Scotia-	Cities	17,358,041
	Towns	12,372,667
	Municipalities	1,655,317
	Total	31,386,025
New Brunswick-	Cities	13,016,603
	Towns 1/	5,615,000
	Counties	2,845,918
	Total	21,477,521
Quebec- 2/	Cities	307,467,143
	Towns	41,186,843
	County Councils	202,513
	Counties 3/	13,253,426
	Ind. Rural Mun. 3/	22,409
	Total	362,132,334
	School Debt All Municipalities	65,886,105
Ontario-	Total including School Debt	428,018,439
	Cities	351,078,531
	Towns 4/	74,988,125
	Rural	54,979,090
	Counties	17,956,328
	Total	499,002,074
Manitoba-	Cities	75,150,311
	Towns	3,368,291
	Villages	105,069
	Suburban Municipalities	8,166,726
	Rural	4,824,798
	Total	91,615,195
Saskatchewan-	Cities	47,160,534
	Towns	4,970,859
	Villages	329,433
	Rural 5/	6,635,878
	Total	59,146,704
Alberta-	Cities	76,136,376
	Towns	2,456,752
	Villages	68,469
	Municipal Districts	17,974
	Total	78,679,571
British Columbia-	Cities	116,171,300
	Districts	13,742,590
	Total	129,913,890

1/ Includes \$55,000 for two villages. 2/ School Debt by classes of Municipalities

3/ Includes Loans on obligations or notes. not available.

4/ Includes villages.

5/ Includes Rural Telephone Debt.

Table 5.

Populations, Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of Urban and Rural Municipalities, by Provinces, for the year 1931.

Provinces	Population		Total Bonded Indebtedness		Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	
	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural	Urban	Rural
			\$	\$	\$	\$
Prince Edward Island	20,385	-	1,959,672	-	96.13	-
Nova Scotia	231,654	281,192	29,730,708	1,655,317	128.34	5.89
New Brunswick	128,940	279,279	18,631,603	2,845,918	144.50	10.19
Quebec 1/	1,902,567	1,243,885	348,653,986	13,478,348	183.25	10.84
Ontario	2,085,017	1,109,226	426,066,656	72,935,418	204.35	65.75
Manitoba	315,969	384,170	2/ 86,790,397	4,824,798	274.68	12.56
Saskatchewan	291,329	583,129	52,460,826	6,685,878	180.07	11.47
Alberta	279,838	368,704	78,661,597	17,974	281.10	.05
British Columbia	395,442	124,331	116,171,300	13,742,590	293.78	110.49

1/ Exclusive of school debt not separable by classes of municipalities. Total school debt 1931 was \$65,886,105 and per capita \$22.92.

2/ Includes five suburban municipalities which in previous years were included with rural municipalities.

Table 6.

Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities,
by Provinces, 1919 - 1931.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,128,467	205,636,319	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	230,500,744	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	237,515,794	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	253,704,994	349,276,606
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	267,593,757	376,512,002
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	284,979,792	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	288,843,822	405,173,853
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	304,115,745	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	324,673,587	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,365,535	345,818,010	435,912,807
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,129,540	363,160,768	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,565,998	396,078,256	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	21,477,521	428,018,439	499,002,074

	Manitoba	Saskatche- wan	Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	55,562,788	39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	735,585,899
1920	57,820,583	34,989,751	57,205,275	96,107,911	777,471,968
1921	65,463,239	35,040,336	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,790,704
1922	68,811,040	52,787,655	60,832,650	98,761,630	918,996,867
1923	73,908,963	51,719,648	70,999,611	96,273,987	970,526,912
1924	73,944,105	49,448,911	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,746,216
1925	79,211,867	46,732,040	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,014,476,924
1926	80,716,272	44,769,529	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,047,500,546
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,111,843,621
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,143,958,797
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,204,626,157
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,232,327,692
1931	91,615,195	59,146,704	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,199,091

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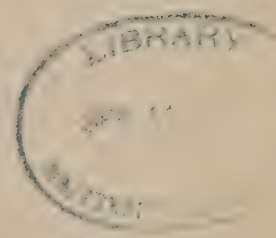
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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES - 1932.

The growing interest of the public on the subject of governmental debt in Canada has been strongly evidenced by the innumerable requests made to the Bureau within the past year for various analyses of this subject.

The Bureau has for some years past published complete statements of Dominion and Provincial government indebtedness in its reports on public finance but owing to the lack of uniformity as between the provinces in the collection and methods of reporting municipal statistics it is difficult to present comparable statements on financial matters of municipal governments.

The present bulletin dealing with the gross bonded indebtedness of municipal Canada has been compiled from reports made to provincial governments by municipalities and represents the latest available information.

There were 4,286 municipalities in Canada in 1932 which may be divided into urban and rural classes. The first class consists of cities, towns, villages and five suburban municipalities while the second class consists of counties, rural municipalities and districts.

Municipal borrowings are subject to certain restrictions and control of the governments of the provinces within which they are situated and apparently the borrowing powers permitted by the provinces to their municipalities continue to be somewhat freely exercised, as the gross bonded indebtedness increased in 1932 over the previous year for each of the provinces with the exception of Alberta and British Columbia.

While it may be assumed that those in charge of municipal affairs have endeavoured to curtail expenditures as much as possible the fact remains that economic conditions generally have made the collection of taxation revenue a serious problem, added to which nearly all municipalities have had to face abnormal charges to meet the unemployment situation in all parts of the country.

There are six tables in the Bulletin, the first showing the number of municipalities by classes within each province; the second dealing with the total gross and per capita bonded debt and giving the population figures employed in arriving at the per capita debt. It will be noted that while estimated populations for 1932 are used by most of the provinces the figures of the census of Canada for 1931 are employed for the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba owing to the lack of later municipal estimates.

The third table shows the gross bonded debt divided into urban and rural classes of municipalities.

The fourth table shows the gross bonded indebtedness of each class of municipality by provinces.

The fifth table, compiled for the first time, shows the sinking funds held by classes of municipalities in each province at the end of 1932. These sinking funds are for the purpose of offsetting the gross bonded debt. It will be noted that the large bulk of sinking funds are held by the cities. For the villages and rural municipalities of Saskatchewan no sinking funds are shown while in Alberta no sinking funds are given for towns, villages or municipal districts.

The sixth and final table, shows the gross total bonded indebtedness of all classes of municipalities in each province for the years 1919-1932 inclusive. The sinking funds held against this gross bonded indebtedness is only at present available for the year 1932 as shown in table 5.

Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province
by classes, 1932.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Suburban municipalities	Total Number of municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	25	99	300	75	1,018	-	-	1,517
Ontario	28	146	156	1/ 38	2/ 571	-	-	939
Manitoba	4	30	22	-	112	-	5	173
Saskatchewan	8	80	3/ 385	-	302	84	-	859
Alberta	7	54	3/ 145	-	163	234	-	603
British Columbia	33	-	17	-	28	-	-	78
CANADA	111	479	1,027	128	2,218	318	5	4,286

1/ There are forty-four counties in all, geographically, but six of them are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships.

3/ Includes six summer resort villages.

Table 2.

Populations and Gross Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1932.

Provinces		1932
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	2,129,350
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia -		
Population		512,846
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	31,606,140
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	61.63
New Brunswick -		
Population		408,219
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	24,752,873
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	60.64
Quebec -		
Population		2,876,518
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	463,891,860
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	161.27
Ontario -		
Population		3,239,437
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	504,755,977
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	155.82
Manitoba -		
Population		700,139
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	92,471,256
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	132.08
Saskatchewan -		
Population		877,029
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	59,238,281
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67.54
Alberta -		
Population		638,586
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	76,892,413
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	120.41
British Columbia -		
Population		519,823
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	129,332,791
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	248.80

Urban Bonded Indebtedness, only, there being no rural municipal system.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, year 1932.

		1932
		\$
Cities		1,040,764,922
Towns		147,441,832
Villages 1/		459,578
Suburban Municipalities		8,162,139
Total Urban Municipalities		1,196,828,471
Rural Municipalities	2/	67,611,144
Districts		13,757,855
Municipal Districts		14,460
County Councils		278,164
Counties		34,278,331
Total Rural Municipalities		115,939,954
Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)		71,669,326
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	3/	1,385,070,941

- 1/ In Quebec the villages are included in counties and in Ontario they are included in towns.
- 2/ Includes \$18,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.
- 3/ Includes \$633,190 for school and other corporations of New Brunswick that cannot be classified.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1932.

Provinces		1932
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,749,100
	Towns	380,250
	Rural	-
	Total	2,129,350
Nova Scotia -	Cities	17,119,343
	Towns	12,825,080
	Municipalities	1,661,717
	Total	31,606,140
New Brunswick	Cities	14,421,765
	Towns 1/	6,215,800
	Counties	3,482,118
	Total	2/ 24,752,873
Quebec - 3/	Cities	336,181,254
	Towns	43,451,916
	County Councils	278,164
	Counties	12,293,200
	Ind. Rural Muns.	18,000
	Total	392,222,534
	School Debt All Municipalities	71,669,326
Ontario -	Total including School Debt	463,891,860
	Cities	357,225,800
	Towns 4/	74,035,290
	Rural	54,991,874
	Counties	18,503,013
Manitoba -	Total	504,755,977
	Cities	76,212,757
	Towns	3,293,055
	Villages	95,772
	Suburban Municipalities	8,162,139
	Rural	4,707,533
Saskatchewan -	Total	92,471,256
	Cities	47,844,848
	Towns	4,852,288
	Villages	309,125
	Rural 5/	6,232,020
Alberta -	Total	59,238,281
	Cities	74,435,119
	Towns	2,388,153
	Villages	54,681
	Municipal Districts	14,460
British Columbia -	Total	76,892,413
	Cities	115,574,936
	Districts	13,757,855
		129,332,791

1/ Includes \$53,000 for two villages.

2/ Includes \$633,190 for School and other corporations that cannot be separated according to classes of municipalities.

3/ School Debt by Classes of municipalities not available.

4/ Includes villages. 5/ Includes rural telephone debt.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Debt, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1932.

Provinces		1932
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	290,524
	Towns	153,288
	Rural	-
	Total	443,812
Nova Scotia	Cities	5,976,582
	Towns	4,220,459
	Municipalities	701,374
	Total	10,898,415
New Brunswick	Cities	4,489,224
	Towns 1/	1,446,031
	Counties	582,280
	Total	2/ 6,566,455
Quebec - 3/	Cities	37,250,448
	Towns	4,006,496
	County Councils	34,640
	Counties	367,315
	Ind. Rural Mun.	-
	Total	41,658,899
	Sinking Fund for Schools All Municipalities	6,609,215
	Total including School Sinking Fund	48,268,114
Ontario -	Cities	55,481,217
	Towns 4/	1,894,655
	Rural	570,044
	Counties	744,334
	Total	58,690,250
Manitoba -	Cities	31,476,944
	Towns	411,533
	Villages	5,969
	Suburban Municipalities	390,580
	Rural	40,706
	Total	32,325,732
Saskatchewan -	Cities	14,382,971
	Towns	166,554
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	14,549,525
Alberta -	Cities	28,687,360
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	28,687,360
British Columbia -	Cities	26,482,766
	Districts	3,445,443
	Total	29,928,209

1/ Includes \$10,005 for two villages.

2/ Includes \$48,920 for school and other corporations that cannot be separated according to classes of municipalities. 3/ Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available. 4. Includes villages.

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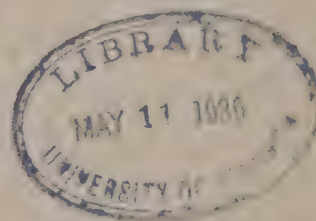
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities,
by Provinces, 1919 - 1932.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,937,246	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,378,214	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	231,114,774	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	247,063,013	349,276,606
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	261,101,892	376,512,002
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	277,021,468	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	281,419,750	405,178,853
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	296,955,680	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	313,638,581	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,584,335	335,986,761	435,912,807
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1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	385,000,269	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	428,018,439	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,891,860	504,755,977

	Manitoba	Saskatche- wan	Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	55,562,788	39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,946,826
1920	57,820,588	34,989,751	57,205,275	96,107,911	771,349,438
1921	65,463,239	35,040,336	53,429,558	97,495,984	831,389,684
1922	68,811,040	52,787,655	60,832,650	98,761,630	912,354,886
1923	73,908,963	51,719,648	70,999,611	96,273,987	964,030,047
1924	73,944,105	49,448,911	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,035,787,892
1925	79,211,867	46,732,040	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,007,052,852
1926	80,716,272	44,769,529	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,040,340,481
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,100,813,615
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,134,346,348
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,194,199,817
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,271,626,695
1931	91,615,195	59,146,704	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,887,071
1932	92,471,256	59,238,281	76,892,413	129,332,791	1,385,070,941

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Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Suburban Municipalities	Total Number of Municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	25	101	302	75	1,023	-	-	1,526
Ontario	28	146	155	1/38	2/571	-	-	938
Manitoba	4	3/31	22	-	112	-	5	174
Saskatchewan	8	80	4/386	-	302	84	-	860
Alberta	7	54	4/145	-	163	234	-	603
British Columbia	33	-	17	-	28	-	-	78
CANADA	111	482	1,029	128	2,223	318	5	4,296

- 1/ There are forty-four counties in all, geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.
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Table 2.

Estimated Populations and Gross Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1933.

Provinces		1933
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	2,147,650
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia -		
Population		512,846
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	34,165,812
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	66.62
New Brunswick -		
Population		408,219
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	24,667,909
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	60.43
Quebec -		
Population		2,902,960
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	479,608,472
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	165.21
Ontario -		
Population		3,257,666
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	494,433,956
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	151.78
Manitoba -		
Population		700,139
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	96,076,856
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	137.23
Saskatchewan -		
Population		902,424
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	57,288,400
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	63.48
Alberta -		
Population		649,129
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	69,455,181
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	107.00
British Columbia -		
Population		519,823
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	128,094,159
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	246.42

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness, only, there being no rural municipal system.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, Year 1933.

	1933
	\$
Cities	1,047,501,230
Towns	146,933,859
Villages 1/	435,844
Suburban Municipalities	8,140,743
Total Urban Municipalities	1,203,011,676
School Debt, Urban Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	68,555,335
Rural Municipalities	2/ 63,641,263
Districts	13,563,959
Municipal Districts	13,109
Counties	34,261,541
Total Rural Municipalities	111,479,872
School Debt, Rural Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	2,891,512
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,385,938,395

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with counties and in Ontario they are included with towns.

2/ Includes \$17,000 Bonded Debt of Independent Rural Municipalities of Quebec.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1933.

Provinces		1933
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,711,100
	Towns	436,550
	Rural	
	Total	2,147,650
Nova Scotia -	Cities	18,425,447
	Towns	13,061,475
	Municipalities	2,678,890
	Total	34,165,812
New Brunswick -	Cities	13,715,954
	Towns 1/	6,920,300
	Counties	4,031,655
	Total	24,667,909
Quebec 2/ -	Cities	353,092,141
	Towns	42,724,764
	Counties	12,327,720
	Independent Rural Municipalities	17,000
	Total	408,161,625
	School Debt, All Municipalities	71,446,847
	Total including School Debt	479,608,472
Ontario -	Cities	353,181,193
	Towns 3/	73,641,067
	Rural	49,709,530
	Counties	17,902,166
	Total	494,433,956
Manitoba -	Cities	79,120,294
	Towns	3,177,420
	Villages	103,606
	Suburban Municipalities	8,140,743
	Rural	5,534,793
	Total	96,076,856
Saskatchewan -	Cities	46,565,312
	Towns	4,733,635
	Villages	288,403
	Rural 4/	5,701,050
	Total	57,288,400
Alberta -	Cities	67,159,589
	Towns	2,238,648
	Villages	43,835
	Municipal Districts	13,109
	Total	69,455,181
British Columbia -	Cities	114,530,200
	Districts	13,563,959
	Total	128,094,159

1/ Includes \$53,000 for two villages.

2/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available.

3/ Includes villages.

4/ Includes rural telephone debt.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Debt, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1933.

Provinces		1 9 3 3
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	281,963
	Towns	167,823
	Rural	-
	Total	449,786
Nova Scotia -	Cities	6,604,709
	Towns	4,197,967
	Municipalities	725,322
	Total	11,527,998
New Brunswick -	Cities	4,082,626
	Towns 1/ Counties	1,680,209
		591,498
	Total	6,354,333
Quebec 2/ -	Cities	43,516,248
	Towns	4,516,937
	Counties	354,951
	Independent Rural Municipalities	-
	Total	48,388,136
	Sinking Fund for Schools, All Municipalities	7,238,337
Ontario -	Total including School Sinking Fund	55,626,473
	Cities	53,754,341
	Towns 3/ Rural	1,790,576
		464,063
	Counties	1,018,581
	Total	57,027,564
Manitoba -	Cities	33,523,284
	Towns	392,816
	Villages	5,744
	Suburban Municipalities	396,367
	Rural	46,023
	Total	34,364,234
Saskatchewan -	Cities	14,772,755
	Towns	154,059
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
Alberta -	Total	14,927,414
	Cities	22,375,884
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
British Columbia -	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	22,375,884
	Cities	26,272,579
	Districts	3,464,476
	Total	29,737,055

1/ Includes \$15,358 for two villages.

2/ Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.

3/ Includes villages.

Table 6.

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Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
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1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	919,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,699	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,999
1925	79,211,867	55,835,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
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Provinces		1934
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	2,348,275
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia -		
Population		512,846
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	33,318,115
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	64.97
New Brunswick -		
Population		408,219
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	26,495,037
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	64.90
Quebec -		
Population		2,940,653
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	565,218,160
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	192.21
Ontario -		
Population		3,275,228
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	483,952,700
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	147.76
Manitoba -		
Population		700,139
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	90,767,215
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	129.64
Saskatchewan -		
Population		914,982
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	55,692,110
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	60.87
Alberta -		
Population		657,434
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67,886,011
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	103.26
British Columbia -		
Population		519,859
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	127,172,942
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	244.63

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness, only, there being no rural municipal system.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, Year 1934.

	1934
	\$
Cities	1,106,655,113
Towns	137,835,228
Villages 1/	12,350,940
Suburban Municipalities	8,041,615
Total Urban Municipalities	1,264,882,896
Rural Municipalities	77,179,889
Districts	13,296,833
Municipal Districts	8,898
Counties	21,066,777
Total Rural Municipalities	111,552,397
Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	76,415,272
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,452,850,565

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with counties.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1934.

Provinces		1934
Prince Edward Island -		
	Cities	1,873,100
	Towns	475,175
	Rural	-
	Total	2,348,275
Nova Scotia -		
	Cities	18,368,743
	Towns	13,106,784
	Municipalities	1,842,588
	Total	33,318,115
New Brunswick -		
	Cities	15,056,932
	Towns	6,826,900
	Villages	59,500
	Counties	4,551,705
	Total	26,495,037
Quebec -		
	Cities	426,906,879
	Towns	49,065,145
	Rural Municipalities	12,830,864
	Independent Rural Municipalities	-
	Total	488,802,888
	School Debt, All Municipalities 1/	76,415,272
	Total including School Debt	565,218,160
Ontario -		
	Cities	343,947,020
	Towns	58,553,978
	Villages	11,900,935
	Rural	53,035,695
	Counties	16,515,072
	Total	483,952,700
Manitoba 2/ -		
	Cities	75,230,855
	Towns	3,075,206
	Villages	82,756
	Suburban Municipalities	8,041,615
	Rural	4,336,783
	Total	90,767,215
Saskatchewan -		
	Cities	45,639,573
	Towns	4,646,491
	Villages	272,087
	Rural 3/	5,133,959
	Total	55,692,110
Alberta -		
	Cities	65,755,902
	Towns	2,085,549
	Villages	35,662
	Municipal Districts	8,898
	Total	67,886,011
British Columbia -		
	Cities	113,876,109
	Districts	13,296,833
	Total	127,172,942

1/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available. This amount includes \$606,116 for revenue bonds and coupons due.

2/ School debentures not included.

3/ Includes rural telephone debt.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Debt, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1934.

Provinces		1 9 3 4
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	293,481
	Towns	181,569
	Rural	-
	Total	475,050
Nova Scotia -	Cities	6,951,763
	Towns	4,325,849
	Municipalities	750,863
	Total	12,028,475
New Brunswick -	Cities	3,990,715
	Towns	1,610,261
	Villages	17,246
	Counties	644,322
	Total	6,262,544
Quebec -	Cities	Not
	Towns	avail-
	Rural Municipalities	able
	Independent Rural Municipalities	
	Total	Not available
	Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/	8,302,529
Ontario -	Total including School Sinking Fund	Not available
	Cities	53,113,606
	Towns	1,737,392
	Villages	95,322
	Rural	536,016
	Counties	1,128,465
	Total	56,610,801
Manitoba -	Cities 2/	35,889,165
	Towns	432,688
	Villages	6,201
	Suburban Municipalities	345,896
	Rural	60,069
	Total	36,734,019 2/
Saskatchewan -	Cities	15,146,006
	Towns	160,814
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	15,306,820
Alberta -	Cities	20,653,877
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	20,653,877
British Columbia -	Cities	27,135,717
	Districts	3,669,222
		30,804,939

1/ School Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.

2/ \$1,523,681 invested by School District of Winnipeg.

Table 6.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities,
by Provinces, 1919-1934.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,705,568	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,269,714	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	230,955,538	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	246,920,376	349,278,606
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	260,907,356	376,512,002
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	276,834,787	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	281,213,213	405,178,853
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	296,746,090	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	313,416,960	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,584,335	335,784,811	435,912,807
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,343,890	352,291,456	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	384,763,515	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	427,815,926	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,613,696	504,755,977
1933	2,147,650	32,772,717	24,667,909	479,608,472	494,433,956
1934	2,348,275	33,318,115	26,495,037	565,218,160	483,952,700

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan	Alberta ^{1/}	British Columbia	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	55,562,788	39,585,388 ^{2/}	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,715,148
1920	57,320,588	40,611,271	57,205,275	96,107,911	776,862,458
1921	65,463,239	41,180,255	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,370,567
1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	319,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,699	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,939
1925	79,211,867	55,835,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
1926	80,716,272	54,844,759	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,050,206,121
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,100,591,994
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,353	110,124,819	1,134,144,398
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,193,971,195
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,271,389,941
1931	91,615,195	59,146,592	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,684,446
1932	92,471,256	59,238,281	76,892,413	129,332,791	1,384,792,777
1933	96,076,856	57,288,400	69,455,181	128,094,159	1,384,545,300
1934	90,767,215	55,692,110	67,886,011	127,172,942	1,452,850,565

1/ Figures represent principally net debt 1919-1928.

2/ Net debt.

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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1935.

The Bureau herewith presents its annual bulletin showing the Gross Bonded Indebtedness of the various classes of municipalities in each province for the year 1935.

The tables are compiled from reports prepared and published by the provincial governments and represent the latest available information. It will be seen that there were 4,346 municipalities throughout Canada of which number 1,628 consisted of urban (cities, towns, villages and suburban) and 2,718 rural municipalities.

From the summary table showing the Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness for the years 1919-1935 it is noted that there was a decrease in the total municipal bonded indebtedness throughout Canada of over \$6,000,000 in 1935 as compared with the previous year.

The unemployment situation and relief problems in recent years have weighed somewhat heavily upon municipal governments particularly in the larger urban centres. This condition together with a growing demand for local improvements and public services will explain the almost constant advance from 1919 to 1935 of the municipal bonded indebtedness of Canada.

A special table will be found in the report showing the Sinking Funds held by municipal governments to offset the municipal bonded indebtedness.

Table 1.

Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by classes, 1935.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Suburban Municipalities	Total Number of Municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	25	102	304	75	1,026	-	-	1,532
Ontario	27	145	156	1/38	2/571	-	-	937
Manitoba	4	3/31	22	-	112	-	5	174
Saskatchewan	8	80	4/385	-	302	85	-	860
Alberta	7	53	4/146	-	162	280	-	648
British Columbia	33	-	17	-	28	-	-	78
CANADA	110	481	1,032	128	2,225	365	5	4,346

- 1/ There are forty-three counties in all, geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.
- 2/ Officially known as townships.
- 3/ Includes Flin Flon Municipal District.
- 4/ Includes six summer resort villages.

Table 2.

Estimated Populations and Gross Total and Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness of all Classes of Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1935.

Provinces		1935
Prince Edward Island 1/ -		
Population		-
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	2,479,550
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	-
Nova Scotia -		
Population		512,846
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	33,866,913
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	66.04
New Brunswick -		
Population		408,219
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	27,538,898
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67.46
Quebec -		
Population		2,964,043
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	574,883,119
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	193.95
Ontario -		
Population		3,321,618
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	461,653,182
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	138.98
Manitoba -		
Population		700,139
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	95,557,149
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	136.48
Saskatchewan -		
Population		923,941
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	2/ 55,519,672
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	60.09
Alberta -		
Population		660,775
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	67,251,233
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	101.78
British Columbia -		
Population		520,214
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	\$	127,370,560
Per Capita Bonded Indebtedness	\$	244.84

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness, only, there being no rural municipal system.

2/ School Debt of villages and rural municipalities not included.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, Year 1935.

	1935
	\$
Cities	1,103,283,809
Towns	131,215,423
Villages 1/	12,934,858
Suburban Municipalities	9,577,790
Total Urban Municipalities	1,257,011,880
Rural Municipalities	73,036,650
Districts	12,750,489
Municipal Districts	5,979
Counties	20,395,289
Total Rural Municipalities	106,188,407
Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	82,919,989
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,446,120,276

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with rural municipalities.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1935.

Provinces		1935
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,978,850
	Towns	500,700
	Rural	-
	Total	2,479,550
Nova Scotia -	Cities	18,784,013
	Towns	13,108,274
	Municipalities	1,974,626
	Total	33,866,913
New Brunswick -	Cities	16,522,716
	Towns	6,325,900
	Villages	63,000
	Counties	4,627,282
	Total	27,538,898
Quebec -	Cities	428,419,229
	Towns	50,466,543
	Rural Municipalities	13,077,358
	Independent Rural Municipalities	-
	Total	491,963,130
	School Debt, All Municipalities 1/	82,919,989
	Total including School Debt	574,883,119
Ontario -	Cities	335,422,867
	Towns	50,565,857
	Villages	12,240,056
	Rural	47,656,395
	Counties	15,768,007
	Total	461,653,182
Manitoba -	Cities	76,361,392
	Towns	3,638,031
	Villages	353,802
	Suburban Municipalities	9,577,790
	Rural	5,626,134
	Total	95,557,149
Saskatchewan -	Cities	45,998,888
	Towns	4,570,620
	Villages 2/	248,027
	Rural 3/	4,702,137
	Total	55,519,672
Alberta -	Cities	65,175,783
	Towns	2,039,498
	Villages	29,973
	Municipal Districts	5,979
	Total	67,251,233
British Columbia -	Cities	114,620,071
	Districts	12,750,489
	Total	127,370,560

1/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available. This amount includes \$950,697 for revenue bonds and coupons due.

2/ School Debt not included.

3/ Telephone Debt included but not schools.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Debt, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1935.

Provinces		1935
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	327,600
	Towns	195,243
	Rural	-
	Total	522,843
Nova Scotia -	Cities	6,990,753
	Towns	4,568,717
	Municipalities	807,672
	Total	12,367,142
New Brunswick -	Cities	4,610,549
	Towns	1,789,239
	Villages	18,581
	Counties	724,579
	Total	7,142,948
Quebec -	Cities	61,190,094
	Towns	8,771,047
	Rural Municipalities	682,014
	Independent Rural Municipalities	-
	Total	70,643,155
	Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/	6,009,612
	Total including School Sinking Fund	76,652,767
Ontario -	Cities	53,442,663
	Towns	1,674,148
	Villages	89,562
	Rural	371,089
	Counties	1,256,018
	Total	56,833,480
Manitoba -	Cities	41,565,504
	Towns	423,637
	Villages	6,714
	Suburban Municipalities	373,755
	Rural	65,542
	Total	42,435,152
Saskatchewan 2/	Cities	16,358,282
	Towns	164,101
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	16,522,383
Alberta -	Cities	23,022,739
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	23,022,739
British Columbia -	Cities	28,057,124
	Districts	4,152,342
		32,209,466

1/ School Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.

2/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 6.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of All Classes of Municipalities,
by Provinces, 1919-1935.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,705,568	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,269,714	269,727,271
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1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,343,890	352,291,456	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	384,763,515	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	427,815,926	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,613,696	504,755,977
1933	2,147,650	32,772,717	24,667,909	479,608,472	494,433,956
1934	2,348,275	33,318,115	26,495,037	565,218,160	483,952,700
1935	2,479,550	33,866,913	27,538,898	574,883,119	461,653,182

	Manitoba	Saskatchewan ^{1/}	Alberta ^{3/}	British Columbia	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	55,562,788	39,585,388 ^{2/}	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,715,148
1920	57,820,588	40,611,271	57,205,275	96,107,911	776,862,458
1921	65,463,239	41,180,255	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,370,367
1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	919,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,699	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,999
1925	79,211,867	55,835,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
1926	80,716,272	54,844,759	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,050,206,121
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,100,591,994
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,134,144,398
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,193,971,195
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,271,389,941
1931	91,615,195	59,146,592	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,684,446
1932	92,471,256	59,238,281	76,892,413	129,332,791	1,384,792,777
1933	4/96,076,856	57,288,400	69,455,181	128,094,159	1,384,545,300
1934	90,767,215	55,692,110	67,886,011	127,172,942	1,452,850,565
1935	5/95,557,149	55,519,672	67,251,233	127,370,560	1,446,120,276

1/ Statistics of school debt for villages and rural municipalities not included.

2/ Net debt.

3/ Figures represent principally net debt 1919-1928.

4/ Includes Deferred Liabilities, not separable.

5/ Includes schools.



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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1936.

For some years past the Bureau has compiled an annual bulletin giving summary statements of Municipal Bonded Indebtedness by Provinces, with a further analysis dividing it into urban and rural. The present report covers the year 1936.

The information has been compiled from the various provincial government reports and summarizes the returns from 4,308 municipalities throughout Canada of which number 1,628 consisted of urban (cities, towns, villages and suburban), and 2,380 of rural municipalities.

The unemployment situation and relief problems in recent years have weighed somewhat heavily upon municipal governments particularly in the larger urban centres. This condition together with a growing demand for local improvements and increased educational and public services is largely responsible for an increase from \$729,000,000 for all provinces in 1919 to over \$1,353,000,000 in 1936.

Table 6 gives an historic survey depicting the increase of Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of all municipalities by provinces from 1919 to 1936. There are, of course, Sinking Funds held by almost all municipalities offsetting this debt, but unfortunately, owing to the lack of uniformity in reporting in earlier years, the Bureau at present is not able to provide this information accurately. Table 5, however, does give the Municipal Sinking Funds held, which partially offset the Gross Bonded Debt, at the close of the year, 1936. The Bureau is endeavouring to obtain information concerning Sinking Funds held for earlier years for inclusion in the next annual bulletin.

Table 1.
Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by classes, 1936.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Suburban Municipalities	Total Number of Municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	26	102	305	76	1,031	-	-	1,540
Ontario	27	145	156	1/38	2/571	-	-	937
Manitoba	4	3/31	22	-	112	-	5	174
Saskatchewan	8	81	4/382	-	302	82	-	855
Alberta	7	52	4/146	-	161	240	-	606
British Columbia	33	-	18	-	28	-	-	79
CANADA	111	481	1,031	129	2,229	322	5	4,308

1/ There are forty-three counties in all, geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships including 27 which have a more or less urban development.

3/ Includes Flin Flon Municipal District.

4/ Includes six summer resort villages.

Table 2.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness with Sinking Funds Offsetting, and Net Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1936.

Provinces	1 9 3 6
	\$
Prince Edward Island 1/ -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	2,510,675
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>549,051</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,961,624
Nova Scotia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	34,211,220
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>12,665,298</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	21,545,922
New Brunswick -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	26,796,910
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>8,100,938</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	18,695,972
Quebec -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	513,113,001
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>70,491,977</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	442,621,024
Ontario -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	431,546,483
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>58,294,088</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	373,252,395
Manitoba -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	95,883,699
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>43,750,179</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	52,133,520
Saskatchewan -	
2/Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	55,582,491
3/Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>17,833,448</u>
2/Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	37,749,043
Alberta -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	67,641,130
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>25,172,733</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	42,468,397
British Columbia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	125,838,619
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>32,864,156</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	92,974,463
Grand Total All Provinces	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,353,124,228
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>269,721,868</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>1,083,402,360</u>

1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal systems.

2/ School Debt of villages and rural municipalities not included.

3/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, Year 1936.

	1936
	\$
Cities	1,040,939,442
Towns	114,237,296
Villages 1/	12,219,467
Suburban Municipalities	9,805,268
Total Urban Municipalities	1,177,201,473
Rural Municipalities	64,834,454
Districts	12,815,599
Municipal Districts	6,015
Counties	19,267,532
Total Rural Municipalities	96,923,600
Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	78,999,155
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,353,124,228

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with rural municipalities.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1936.

Provinces		1936
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	1,969,100
	Towns	541,575
	Rural	-
	Total	2,510,675
Nova Scotia -	Cities	18,876,760
	Towns	13,137,410
	Municipalities	2,197,050
	Total	34,211,220
New Brunswick -	Cities	14,976,451
	Towns	7,028,450
	Villages	85,000
	Counties	4,707,009
	Total	26,796,910
Quebec -	Cities	383,593,990
	Towns	38,345,373
	Rural Municipalities	12,174,483
	Total	434,113,846
	School Debt, All Municipalities 1/	78,999,155
	Total including School Debt	513,113,001
Ontario -	Cities	321,032,810
	Towns	45,463,090
	Villages	11,551,006
	Rural	38,939,054
	Counties	14,560,523
	Total	431,546,483
Manitoba -	Cities	75,287,152
	Towns	3,376,694
	Villages	321,440
	Suburban Municipalities	9,805,268
	Rural	7,093,145
	Total	95,883,699
Saskatchewan -	Cities	46,522,418
	Towns	4,405,239
	Villages 2/	224,112
	Rural 3/	4,430,722
	Total	55,582,491
Alberta -	Cities	65,657,741
	Towns	1,939,465
	Villages	37,909
	Municipal Districts	6,015
	Total	67,641,130
British Columbia -	Cities	113,023,020
	Districts	12,815,599
	Total	125,838,619

1/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available.

2/ School Debt not included.

3/ Telephone Debt included but not schools.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Debt, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1936.

Provinces		1936
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	340,580
	Towns	208,471
	Rural	-
	Total	549,051
Nova Scotia -	Cities	7,364,681
	Towns	4,553,454
	Municipalities	747,163
	Total	12,665,298
New Brunswick -	Cities	5,057,683
	Towns	2,258,774
	Villages	23,222
	Counties	761,259
	Total	8,100,938
Quebec -	Cities	54,524,388
	Towns	6,134,519
	Rural Municipalities	430,145
	Total	61,089,052
	Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/	9,402,925
	Total including School Sinking Fund	70,491,977
Ontario -	Cities	54,476,358
	Towns	1,880,691
	Villages	101,283
	Rural	519,402
	Counties	1,316,354
	Total	58,294,088
Manitoba -	Cities	42,843,375
	Towns	455,625
	Villages	7,807
	Suburban Municipalities	392,276
	Rural	51,096
	Total	43,750,179
Saskatchewan 2/ -	Cities	17,657,051
	Towns	176,397
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	17,833,448
Alberta -	Cities	25,172,733
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	25,172,733
British Columbia -	Cities	28,493,289
	Districts	4,370,867
	Total	32,864,156

1/ School Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.

2/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 6.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of All Municipalities, by Provinces, 1919-1936.
(See page 1 for discussion)

Year	Prince Edward Island \$	Nova Scotia \$	New Brunswick \$	Quebec \$	Ontario \$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,705,568	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,269,714	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	230,955,538	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	246,920,376	349,276,606
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	260,907,356	376,512,002
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	276,834,787	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	281,213,213	405,178,853
1926	1,247,543	26,281,152	17,091,550	296,746,090	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	313,416,960	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,584,335	335,784,811	435,912,807
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,343,890	352,291,456	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	384,763,515	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	427,815,926	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,613,696	504,755,977
1933	2,147,650	32,772,717	24,667,909	479,608,472	494,433,956
1934	2,348,275	33,318,115	26,495,037	493,867,826	483,952,700
1935	2,479,550	33,866,913	27,538,898	500,788,727	461,653,182
1936	2,510,675	34,211,220	26,796,910	513,113,001	431,546,483
	Manitoba \$	1/ Saskatchewan \$	3/ Alberta \$	British Columbia \$	Totals \$
1919	55,562,788	2/ 39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,715,148
1920	57,820,588	40,611,271	57,205,275	96,107,911	776,862,458
1921	65,463,239	41,180,255	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,370,367
1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	919,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,899	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,999
1925	79,211,867	55,835,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
1926	80,716,272	54,844,759	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,050,206,121
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,100,591,994
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,134,144,398
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,193,971,195
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,271,389,941
1931	91,615,195	59,146,592	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,684,446
1932	92,471,256	59,238,281	76,892,413	129,332,791	1,384,792,777
1933	4/96,076,856	57,288,400	69,455,181	128,094,159	1,384,545,300
1934	90,767,215	55,692,110	67,886,011	127,172,942	1,381,500,231
1935	5/95,557,149	55,519,672	67,251,233	127,370,560	1,372,025,834
1936	5/95,883,699	55,582,491	67,641,130	125,838,619	1,353,124,228

1/ Statistics of school debt for villages and rural municipalities not included.

2/ Net debt.

3/ Figures represent principally net debt 1919-1928.

4/ Includes Deferred Liabilities, not separable.

5/ Includes schools.

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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1937.

The Bureau presents its annual bulletin showing summary statements of municipal bonded indebtedness by provinces covering the year 1937. Additional tables are given which separate urban from rural bonded debt, as well as the sinking funds in each case.

The final table of the bulletin shows the gross total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities in each province for the years 1919 to 1937 inclusive. The increase from \$729,000,000 in 1919 to \$1,337,000,000 in 1937, has been largely due to the growing demand for local improvements, the increase in educational facilities, the expansion of public and social services and in later years the municipal charges to provide for unemployment and relief problems.

The tables represent the latest available information and have been compiled from the various provincial government reports dealing with municipal activities throughout Canada. They summarize returns from 4,317 municipalities, of which 1,634 were urban (cities, towns, villages and suburban) and 2,683 rural municipalities.

Table 1.
Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by classes, 1937.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Villages	Counties	Rural Municipalities	Local Improvement Districts	Suburban Municipalities	Total Number of Municipalities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	26	106	304	76	1,037	-	-	1,549
Ontario	27	146	156	1/38	2/571	-	-	938
Manitoba	4	3/31	22	-	112	-	5	174
Saskatchewan	8	82	4/382	-	302	82	-	856
Alberta	7	53	4/146	-	158	5/240	-	604
British Columbia	33	-	18	-	28	-	-	79
CANADA	111	488	1,030	129	2,232	322	5	4,317

1/ There are forty-three counties in all, geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships including 27 which have a more or less urban development.

3/ Includes Flin Flon Municipal District.

4/ Includes six summer resort villages.

5/ Active Improvement Districts for year 1936. Figures for 1937 not available.

Table 2.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness with Sinking Funds Offsetting, and Net Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1937.

Provinces	1937
Prince Edward Island 1/ -	\$
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	2,901,175
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	588,332
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	2,312,843
Nova Scotia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	34,695,716
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	12,250,123
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	22,445,593
New Brunswick -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	26,591,813
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	8,021,877
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	18,569,936
Quebec -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	513,533,544
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	77,372,509
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	436,161,035
Ontario -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	425,744,206
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	59,829,018
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	365,915,188
Manitoba -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	94,487,659
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	43,736,244
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	50,751,415
Saskatchewan -	
2/ Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	55,507,932
3/ Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	19,232,213
2/ Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	36,275,719
Alberta -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	60,964,770
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	20,106,819
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	40,857,951
British Columbia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	122,780,368
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	30,123,028
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	92,657,340
Grand Total All Provinces	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,337,207,183
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	271,260,163
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,065,947,020

- 1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal systems
2/ School Debt of villages and rural municipalities not included.
3/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, Year 1937.

	1 9 3 7
	\$
Cities	1,034,022,943
Towns	111,645,331
Villages 1/	11,302,676
Suburban Municipalities	9,577,988
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Total Urban Municipalities	1,166,548,938
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Rural Municipalities	61,900,623
Districts	12,519,520
Municipal Districts	6,315
Counties	17,732,617
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Total Rural Municipalities	92,159,075
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Total School Debt, All Municipalities, Quebec (not separable by classes)	78,499,170
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Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,337,207,183

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with rural municipalities.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1937.

Provinces		1937
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	2,192,850
	Towns	708,325
	Rural	-
	Total	2,901,175
Nova Scotia -	Cities	18,815,006
	Towns	13,793,560
	Municipalities	2,087,150
	Total	34,695,716
New Brunswick -	Cities	14,846,727
	Towns	6,962,600
	Villages	84,650
	Counties	4,697,836
	Total	26,591,813
Quebec -	Cities	383,980,747
	Towns	39,236,163
	Rural Municipalities	11,817,464
	Total	435,034,374
	School Debt, All Municipalities 1/	78,499,170
	Total including School Debt	513,533,544
Ontario -	Cities	323,768,157
	Towns	41,226,063
	Villages	10,718,715
	Rural	36,996,490
	Counties	13,034,781
	Total	425,744,206
Manitoba -	Cities	74,636,243
	Towns	3,318,442
	Villages	261,924
	Suburban Municipalities	9,577,988
	Rural	6,693,062
	Total	94,487,659
Saskatchewan -	Cities	46,622,254
	Towns	4,370,825
	Villages 2/	208,396
	Rural 3/	4,306,457
	Total	55,507,932
Alberta -	Cities	58,900,111
	Towns	2,029,353
	Villages	28,991
	Municipal Districts	6,315
	Total	60,964,770
British Columbia -	Cities	110,260,848
	Districts	12,519,520
	Total	122,780,368

1/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available.

2/ School Debt not included.

3/ Telephone Debt included but not schools.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Indebtedness, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1937.

Provinces		1 9 3 7
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	362,973
	Towns	225,359
	Rural	-
	Total	588,332
Nova Scotia -	Cities	6,624,026
	Towns	4,869,528
	Municipalities	756,569
	Total	12,250,123
New Brunswick -	Cities	5,096,243
	Towns	2,055,213
	Villages	26,311
	Counties	844,110
	Total	8,021,877
Quebec -	Cities	60,990,488
	Towns	5,907,278
	Rural Municipalities	465,977
	Total	67,363,743
	Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/	10,008,766
	Total including School Sinking Funds	77,372,509
Ontario -	Cities	55,811,846
	Towns	1,732,839
	Villages	93,566
	Rural	512,786
	Counties	1,677,981
	Total	59,829,018
Manitoba -	Cities	42,740,901
	Towns	502,457
	Villages	7,876
	Suburban Municipalities	419,861
	Rural	65,149
	Total	43,736,244
Saskatchewan 2/ -	Cities	19,043,900
	Towns	188,313
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	19,232,213
Alberta -	Cities	20,106,819
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	20,106,819
British Columbia -	Cities	25,459,362
	Districts	4,663,666
	Total	30,123,028

1/ School Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.

2/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 6.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of All Municipalities, by Provinces, 1919-1937.
(See page 1 for discussion)

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,705,568	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,269,714	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	230,955,538	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	246,920,376	349,276,606
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1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	276,834,787	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	281,213,213	405,178,853
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	296,746,090	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	313,416,960	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,584,335	335,784,811	435,912,807
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,343,890	352,291,456	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	384,763,515	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	427,815,926	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,613,696	504,755,977
1933	2,147,650	32,772,717	24,667,909	479,608,472	494,433,956
1934	2,348,275	33,318,115	26,495,037	493,867,826	483,952,700
1935	2,479,550	33,866,913	27,538,898	500,788,727	461,653,182
1936	2,510,675	34,211,220	26,796,910	513,113,001	431,546,483
1937	2,901,175	34,695,716	26,591,813	513,533,544	425,744,206
	Manitoba	1/ Saskatchewan	3/ Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	55,562,788	2/39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,715,148
1920	57,820,588	40,611,271	57,205,275	96,107,911	776,862,458
1921	65,463,239	41,180,255	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,370,367
1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	919,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,699	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,999
1925	79,211,867	55,855,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
1926	80,716,272	54,844,759	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,050,206,121
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,860	107,376,118	1,100,591,994
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,134,144,398
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1934	90,767,215	55,692,110	67,886,011	127,172,942	1,381,500,231
1935	5/95,557,149	55,519,672	67,251,233	127,370,560	1,372,025,884
1936	5/95,883,699	55,582,491	67,641,130	125,838,619	1,353,124,228
1937	5/94,487,659	55,507,932	60,964,770	122,780,368	1,337,207,183

1/ Statistics of school debt for villages and rural municipalities not included.

2/ Net debt.

3/ Figures represent principally net debt 1919-1928.

4/ Includes Deferred Liabilities, not separable.

5/ Includes schools.

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GROSS BONDED INDEBTEDNESS OF URBAN AND
RURAL MUNICIPALITIES, 1938.

Public interest in the financial activities of government in Canada has been very marked during the last decade. The depression years, the unemployment and relief problem, followed by the war placed an unprecedented strain on the public treasuries.

The Bureau has endeavoured to meet the demands for data relative to Public Revenues, Expenditures, Taxation and Debt by publishing from time to time summarized statements compiled from the most reliable Municipal, Provincial and Dominion Government sources of information.

The bulletin herewith presented gives a series of statements showing municipal bonded indebtedness and sinking funds for the year 1938. The final table gives a survey of gross total bonded indebtedness of all municipalities in each province covering the years 1919 to 1938.

Table 1.
Number of Municipalities in Canada and in each Province,
by classes, 1938.

Provinces	Cities	Towns	Vill- ages	Coun- ties	Rural Munici- palities	Local Improve- ment Dis- tricts	Subur- ban Munici- palities	Total Number of Munici- palities
Prince Edward Island	1	7	-	-	-	-	-	8
Nova Scotia	2	43	-	-	24	-	-	69
New Brunswick	3	20	2	15	-	-	-	40
Quebec	26	107	303	76	1,048	-	-	1,560
Ontario	27	148	156	1/38	2/571	-	-	940
Manitoba	4	3/31	22	-	112	-	5	174
Saskatchewan	8	82	4/382	-	302	82	-	856
Alberta	7	53	4/146	-	151	5/240	-	597
British Columbia	33	-	19	-	28	-	-	80
CANADA	111	491	1,030	129	2,236	322	5	4,324

1/ There are forty-three counties in all, geographically, but a number of them are united for municipal purposes.

2/ Officially known as townships including 27 which have a more or less urban development.

3/ Includes Flin Flon Municipal District.

4/ Includes six summer resort villages.

5/ Active Improvement Districts for year 1936. Figures for 1938 not available.

Table 2.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness with Sinking Funds Offsetting, and Net Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Municipalities, by Provinces, Year 1938.

Provinces	1938
	\$
Prince Edward Island 1/ -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	2,924,650
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>471,643</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>2,453,007</u>
Nova Scotia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	35,107,542
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>12,965,781</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>22,141,761</u>
New Brunswick -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	26,351,143
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>8,202,400</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>18,148,743</u>
Quebec -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	513,137,878
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>82,392,458</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>430,745,420</u>
Ontario -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	404,290,461
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>61,669,139</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>342,621,322</u>
Manitoba -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	91,867,809
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>44,644,755</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>47,223,054</u>
Saskatchewan -	
2/ Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	54,440,737
3/ Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>19,512,450</u>
2/ Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>34,928,287</u>
Alberta -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	52,910,982
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>9,630,128</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>43,280,854</u>
British Columbia -	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	121,170,198
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>30,246,921</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>90,923,277</u>
<u>Grand Total All Provinces</u>	
Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness	1,302,201,400
Less Sinking Funds Offsetting	<u>269,735,675</u>
Net Total Bonded Indebtedness	<u>1,032,465,725</u>

- 1/ Urban Bonded Indebtedness only, there being no rural municipal systems.
2/ School Debt of villages and rural municipalities not included.
3/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 3.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Each Class of Urban and Rural Municipalities
for all Provinces combined, Year 1938.

	1938
	\$
Cities	1,004,003,902
Towns	111,658,490
Villages 1/	11,083,329
Suburban Municipalities	8,839,185
Total Urban Municipalities	1,135,584,906
Rural Municipalities	59,404,790
Districts	12,597,144
Municipal Districts	6,616
Counties	16,254,482
Total Rural Municipalities	88,263,032
Total School Debt, All Municipalities of Quebec (not separable by classes)	78,353,462
Total All Municipalities, Urban and Rural	1,302,201,400

1/ In Quebec the villages are included with rural municipalities.

Table 4.

Gross Bonded Indebtedness of Municipalities, by Provinces and Classes, 1938.

Provinces		1938
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	2,194,850
	Towns	729,800
	Rural	-
	Total	2,924,650
Nova Scotia -	Cities	19,170,282
	Towns	13,877,360
	Municipalities	2,059,900
	Total	35,107,542
New Brunswick -	Cities	14,678,080
	Towns	6,883,050
	Villages	84,300
	Counties	4,705,713
	Total	26,351,143
Quebec -	Cities	383,050,527
	Towns	40,006,937
	Rural Municipalities	11,726,952
	Total	434,784,416
	School Debt, All Municipalities 1/	78,353,462
	Total including School Debt	513,137,878
Ontario -	Cities	306,428,684
	Towns	40,663,345
	Villages	10,497,479
	Rural	35,152,184
	Counties	11,548,769
	Total	404,290,461
Manitoba	Cities	73,272,937
	Towns	3,310,174
	Villages	251,503
	Suburban Municipalities	8,839,185
	Rural	6,194,010
	Total	91,867,809
Saskatchewan -	Cities	45,671,899
	Towns	4,291,609
	Villages 2/	205,485
	Rural 3/	4,271,744
	Total	54,440,737
Alberta -	Cities	50,963,589
	Towns	1,896,215
	Villages	44,562
	Municipal Districts	6,616
	Total	52,910,982
British Columbia -	Cities	108,573,054
	Districts	12,597,144
	Total	121,170,198

1/ School Debt by classes of municipalities not available.

2/ School Debt not included.

3/ Telephone Debt included but not schools.

Table 5.

Sinking Funds, Offsetting Gross Bonded Indebtedness, which were held by Classes of Municipalities in each Province at the close of the year 1938.

Provinces		1938
		\$
Prince Edward Island -	Cities	306,250
	Towns	165,393
	Rural	-
	Total	471,643
Nova Scotia -	Cities	7,067,420
	Towns	5,067,441
	Municipalities	830,920
	Total	12,965,781
New Brunswick -	Cities	5,160,815
	Towns	2,088,020
	Villages	29,663
	Counties	923,902
	Total	8,202,400
Quebec -	Cities	64,936,491
	Towns	6,312,020
	Rural Municipalities	415,169
	Total	71,663,680
	Sinking Funds for Schools, All Municipalities 1/	10,728,778
	Total including School Sinking Funds	82,392,458
Ontario -	Cities	57,851,383
	Towns	1,611,170
	Villages	115,404
	Rural	398,585
	Counties	1,692,597
	Total	61,669,139
Manitoba -	Cities	43,618,088
	Towns	555,037
	Villages	9,019
	Suburban Municipalities	387,635
	Rural	74,976
	Total	44,644,755
Saskatchewan 2/ -	Cities	19,310,429
	Towns	202,021
	Villages	-
	Rural	-
	Total	19,512,450
Alberta -	Cities	9,630,128
	Towns	-
	Villages	-
	Municipal Districts	-
	Total	9,630,128
British Columbia -	Cities	25,332,664
	Districts	4,914,257
	Total	30,246,921

1/ School Sinking Funds by classes of Municipalities not available.

2/ School Sinking Funds not included.

Table 6.

Gross Total Bonded Indebtedness of all Municipalities, by Provinces, 1919-1938.

Year	Prince Edward Island	Nova Scotia	New Brunswick	Quebec	Ontario
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	970,100	17,863,881	11,188,467	199,705,568	243,226,877
1920	1,086,500	19,192,462	10,841,466	224,269,714	269,727,271
1921	1,202,200	22,451,743	7,578,567	230,955,538	317,613,283
1922	1,254,900	23,541,759	10,025,633	246,920,376	349,276,606
1923	1,290,800	24,248,782	7,974,362	260,907,356	376,512,002
1924	1,143,550	25,348,664	17,350,225	276,834,787	430,010,501
1925	1,163,050	25,722,635	10,660,863	281,213,213	405,178,853
1926	1,247,545	26,281,152	17,091,550	296,746,090	413,474,813
1927	1,452,425	28,381,616	15,707,699	313,416,960	434,464,056
1928	1,515,125	29,049,412	19,584,335	335,784,811	435,912,807
1929	1,598,624	29,029,119	21,343,890	352,291,456	451,936,592
1930	1,863,211	30,182,264	20,942,988	384,763,515	485,280,182
1931	1,959,672	31,386,025	22,165,501	427,815,926	499,002,074
1932	2,129,350	31,606,140	24,752,873	463,613,696	504,755,977
1933	2,147,650	32,772,717	24,667,909	479,608,472	494,433,956
1934	2,348,275	33,318,115	26,495,037	493,867,826	483,952,700
1935	2,479,550	33,866,913	27,538,898	500,788,727	461,653,182
1936	2,510,675	34,211,220	26,796,910	513,113,001	431,546,483
1937	2,901,175	34,695,716	26,591,813	513,533,544	425,744,206
1938	2,924,650	35,107,542	26,351,143	513,137,878	404,290,461
	Manitoba	1/ Saskatchewan	3/ Alberta	British Columbia	Totals
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1919	55,562,788	2/39,585,388	66,870,464	94,741,615	729,715,148
1920	57,820,588	40,611,271	57,205,275	96,107,911	776,862,458
1921	65,463,239	41,180,255	53,429,558	97,495,984	837,370,367
1922	68,811,040	59,719,165	60,832,650	98,761,630	919,143,759
1923	73,908,963	59,011,174	70,999,611	96,273,987	971,127,037
1924	73,944,105	57,763,699	65,414,317	96,106,151	1,043,915,999
1925	79,211,867	55,835,505	57,908,593	99,055,201	1,015,949,780
1926	80,716,272	54,844,759	56,950,712	102,853,228	1,050,206,121
1927	83,017,302	54,361,158	62,414,660	107,376,118	1,100,591,994
1928	85,651,906	53,092,330	63,428,853	110,124,819	1,134,144,398
1929	85,901,404	54,913,100	78,473,392	118,483,618	1,193,971,195
1930	84,879,707	59,000,183	78,645,803	125,832,088	1,271,389,941
1931	91,615,195	59,146,592	78,679,571	129,913,890	1,341,684,446
1932	92,471,256	59,238,281	76,892,413	129,332,791	1,384,792,777
1933	4/96,076,856	57,288,400	69,455,181	128,094,159	1,384,545,300
1934	90,767,215	55,692,110	67,886,011	127,172,942	1,381,500,231
1935	5/95,557,149	55,519,672	67,251,233	127,370,560	1,372,025,884
1936	5/95,883,699	55,582,491	67,641,130	125,838,619	1,353,124,228
1937	5/94,487,659	55,507,932	60,964,770	122,780,368	1,337,207,183
1938	5/91,867,809	54,440,737	52,910,982	121,170,198	1,302,201,400

1/ Statistics of school debt for villages and rural municipalities not included.

2/ Net debt.

3/ Figures represent principally net debt 1919-1928.

4/ Includes Deferred Liabilities, not separable.

5/ Includes schools.

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